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CET: No N-95, cotton masks, says KEA

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The KEA has decided to enforce COVID-19 norms at the Common Entrance Test on June 16, 17 and 18 at 486 centres. While wearing surgical masks in the exam hall is compulsory, to prevent malpractices, the KEA has restricted the use of N-95 and cotton masks.

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BENGALURU

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Highest turnout in West Teachers constituency

BENGALURU

The polling for the four Legislative Council seats from Graduates and Teachers constituencies across the State went off peacefully on Monday with Karnataka West Teachers constituency reporting the highest turnout while the Karnataka North West Graduates reported the lowest turnout.

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Retail inflation eases to 7.04%

Price rise in vegetables surges to 18.3%; urban food inflation accelerates to 8.2%

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

India's retail inflation eased marginally to 7.04% in May from the nearly eight-year high of 7.79% in April, reflecting a persistent uptick of over 6% in prices paid by consumers for the fifth successive month.

Inflation faced by rural consumers fell to 7.01% in May from 8.38% in April, but for households in urban areas, the pace of price rise was virtually flat month-on-month, moving from 7.09% in April to 7.08% in May.

Food price inflation, which had hit a 17-month high of 8.31% in April, eased a little to 7.97% in May, thanks to a decline in rural food inflation to 7.76% from 8.5%. However, the Consumer Food Price Index surged further for urban India to 8.2% in May from 8.09% in April.

A sharp rise in tomato prices, along with hardening potato prices, raised the inflation in vegetables, even as wheat and rice prices climbed to keep cereals inflation elevated. CARE Ratings said food remained the main inflation driver, with a nearly 50% contribution.

Economists attributed the mild moderation in the retail inflation rate to base effects (May 2021 had recorded high inflation at 6.3%), as well as the lowering of excise duties on fuel products by the Centre on May 21, which could be fully reflected in June's inflation print.

With inflation staying firmly above its tolerance threshold of 6% since January 2022, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised key interest rates by 90 basis points since April, and has projected an average inflation rate of 7.5% for the first quarter of 2022-23. One basis point equals 0.01%.

The RBI's estimate for the April to June quarter may turn out to be an overestimate unless inflation surges sharply in June. However, the double whammy of the rise in crude oil prices and the Indian rupee's depreciation poses upside risks to the June 2022 retail inflation print, ICRA chief economist Aditi Nayar cautioned.

The rupee closed at an all-time low on Monday, while global crude prices remain elevated amid the protracted conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

'Respite unlikely'

Inflation is expected to hover in the 6.75%-7% range in June as well, reckoned Bank of Baroda chief economist Madan Sabnavis, noting that the price rise was high in all segments except housing. "Food inflation was high with edible oils, spices and vegetables pushing it up and there is unlikely to be respite any time soon on these items, while foodgrain prices may inch up even if there is a good harvest after the significant increase in minimum support prices for the Kharif crop," he pointed out.

While inflation in food and beverages cooled only marginally to 7.84% in May from 8.1% in April, three subcategories of food items clocked a further escalation – vegetables, meat and fish, and milk products.

Vegetables inflation surged to 18.26% in May from 15.41% in April, while inflation in meat and fish moved up to 8.23% from 6.97%. The pace of increase in the prices for milk and related products was mildly higher at 5.64% in May compared with 5.47% in April.

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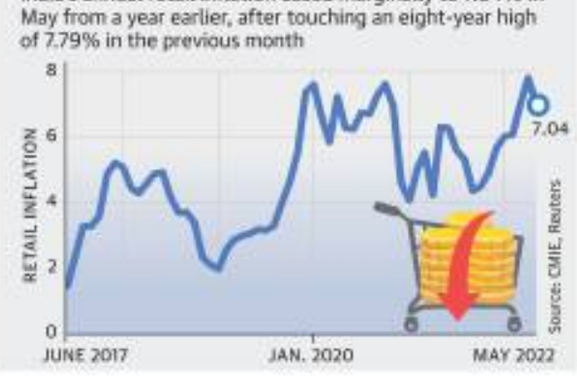

Sensex, rupee nosedive

The rupee fell to a historical low, breaching the 78-mark against the dollar for the first time, while benchmark equity indices crashed more than 2.6% on Monday.

The declines came on the back of anticipation around a steep rate increase by the Federal Reserve in an upcoming meeting to curb high inflation in the U.S.

The S&P BSE Sensex plunged 1,457 points, or 2.68%, to 52,846.70 points.

Due to continued and more aggressive selling by foreign portfolio investors, the Indian rupee sank 11 paise to 78.04. ▸ PAGE 12

Rahul quizzed by ED for 11 hours, summoned again

Congress puts up a show of strength in multiple cities

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi's questioning on Monday by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money laundering case linked to the *National Herald* newspaper turned into a massive show of strength by party workers in multiple cities, including Delhi.

Mr. Gandhi has been summoned again on Tuesday, officials said.

On Monday, Mr. Gandhi, who entered the ED headquarters around 11.10 a.m., underwent about three hours of questioning before he was allowed a lunch break around 2.30 p.m.

After visiting his mother, Sonia Gandhi, who has been admitted to Sir Gangaram Hospital for COVID-related issues, Mr. Gandhi returned to the ED office at 3.30 p.m. for a second round of questioning. He left the ED headquarters around 11.25 p.m., after nearly eight hours of questioning in the second round.

Officials are believed to have asked Mr. Gandhi to write down his statement under Section 50 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) during the first round of questioning.

Earlier, the Delhi Police clamped down on the party's plans to take out a march from the All India Congress Committee (AICC) headquarters to the ED office with layers of barricading and detained senior leaders, including Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Lok Sabha member Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, K.C. Venugopal, Harish Rawat, Jairam Ramesh, Randeep Surjewala and Manickam Tagore.

Mr. Surjewala said former Union Finance Minister P. Chidambaram was pushed away by the police personnel which resulted in an injury.

Mr. Chowdhury, who is the party's leader in the Lok Sabha, formally lodged a complaint with the Tughlaq Road police station about suffering an injury because of alleged manhandling, while visuals of Mr. Venugopal being forcibly lifted by the police personnel went viral.

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Rahul Gandhi leaving for the ED office in New Delhi, along with Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, on Monday. • SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Back to school

Grand welcome: Students arriving on the first day of school after their summer vacation, in Surat, Gujarat on Monday. • PTI

Sporadic violence continues in Bengal

More FIRs filed in the State and Uttar Pradesh

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Several towns across West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh, where protests over the comments of erstwhile BJP spokespersons on the Prophet had spiralled into violence on June 10, were limping back to normalcy on Monday.

The count of persons arrested by the police in the two States rose to 333 in Uttar Pradesh and 200 in Bengal; 13 FIRs have been filed by the U.P. police, while their West Bengal counterparts have lodged 42 FIRs so far. Sporadic incidents were, however, reported from parts of Bengal on Monday.

In North 24 Parganas, train services were briefly affected after protesters blocked the tracks near the Hashnabad railway station. The police in Bethuadahari, Nadia district, resorted to baton charge to disperse a mob that gathered near the railway station; a local train had been attacked by protesters there a day earlier.

An uneasy calm prevailed in Howrah, where protests erupted on June 9. "No fresh violence was reported in the past 48 hours," said Jawed Shamim, Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order), West Bengal. He said there had been no loss of life or serious injury and the FIRs had been lodged for road blockade, assault, rioting, damage to public property and spreading communal hatred.

A group of lawyers who had approached the Allahabad High Court against the demolition of the house of Javed Mohammad, the alleged mastermind of the violence in Prayagraj, were told by the Chief Justice to file a regular petition. It is now likely to be filed on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Protests in universities

In the national capital, several student groups held demonstrations at the Jawaharlal Nehru University and Jamia Millia Islamia on Monday in support of former JNU student Afreen Fatima, Mr. Mohammad's daughter.

In Thane, Maharashtra, the police filed a case against a 22-year-man who had posted a message on social media in support of suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma a day earlier.

Prohibitory orders have been clamped on Kamrup district, in which Guwahati is situated, in Assam to maintain "peace and tranquillity". They were earlier imposed in Cachar and Karimganj districts.

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Alert mode: Security personnel deployed in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, on Monday. • SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Vaccinate more, Centre tells States

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

COVID-19 is not over yet and with the rise in cases in some States, it is important to be alert and not forget COVID appropriate behaviour, said Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Monday after a review meeting with State Health Ministers. Flagging the decrease in testing, he urged the States to strengthen surveillance and focus on genome sequencing.

The Minister directed the States to ensure increased focus on COVID vaccination coverage for school-going children and administering precautionary dose to the elderly. He added that there should be no wastage of COVID-19 vaccines at any cost.

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Media rights sale: BCCI to net ₹45,950 cr.

Experts expect cricket body's revenue to cross ₹60,000 crore for five-year cycle

AMOL KARHADKAR
BENGALURU

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is set for a windfall from the auction of media rights for the Indian Premier League.

At the end of the second day of the e-auction, the BCCI was assured of a minimum revenue of ₹45,950 crore for the five-year cycle from 2023 to 2027.

With two of the four categories the media rights have been divided into yet to be finalised, industry experts expect the figure to cross ₹60,000 crore. The e-auction, which began on Sunday, is likely to conclude on Tuesday.

On Monday, bidding concluded for the first two packages – television rights for the Indian subcontinent and digital rights for India. With a base price of ₹49 crore and ₹33 crore per game respectively, multiple sources in the BCCI and bidders told *The Hindu* that the winning bids were ₹57.5 crore and ₹50 crore. Bidding had closed at ₹57 crore and ₹48 crore in the two categories on the first day.

While the Reliance-backed Viacom 18-Paramount combine is understood to have bagged the digital bouquet for ₹20,500 crore, it could not be confirmed whether Disney or Sony had the highest TV rights bid of ₹23,575 crore.

However, it was confirmed that for the first time the IPL broadcast would be divided between two platforms on television and digital media. For the last five years, Star India held the global rights across platforms.

It means that the IPL is assured of fetching at least ₹13.5 million per game, which is second only to the American National Football League's ₹17 million per game.

Towards the end of the proceedings on Monday, bidding began for the non-exclusive digital package and overseas rights package.

The non-exclusive package (including 20 games per edition) bidding closed at ₹18.75 crore for the day. Viacom 18-Paramount combine has the option of challenging the highest bidder on the non-exclusive package with an incremental bid.

A lucrative deal
With 410 games to be played in the next IPL rights cycle, the BCCI will get an assured revenue of ₹45,950 crore ($5.8 billion). A comparison with other major leagues shows IPL is a big money spinner
National Football League (2023-32) $10.4 billion
Indian Premier League (2023-27) $5.8 bn
National Basketball Association (2017-25) $2.6 bn
English Premier League (2023-25) $2.1 bn
Major League Baseball (2022-23) $1.9 bn
German Bundesliga (2022-25) $1.1 bn
SOURCE: AGENCIES

Actor Siddhanth Kapoor held for consuming drugs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Bollywood actor and DJ Siddhanth Kapoor was among five persons arrested after the Halasuru police conducted searches at a star hotel here and detained 35 people allegedly having a rave party on Sunday night. The detained were subjected to medical examination, and among them five were confirmed to have consumed drugs, the police said. According to the police, among the five was Mr. Siddhanth, son of Bollywood actor Shakti Kapoor.

Others who were found negative in the medical examination have been released after recording their statement. The accused Siddhanth and his friends Akhil Soni, a business manager with a private firm, Harjot Singh, operational manager with a logistics company, Hani Rafeeque, working for a digital marketing firm, and Akhil, a freelance photographer, have been subjected to medical examination to produce them before the magistrate to seek their custody for further investigations.

The police have seized the phones of the accused and are analysing the CDR to ascertain the source of drugs and their network. "There were around 100 people at the party, including some highly influential personalities, who had vacated the premises minutes before the raid. We are verifying their identities," sources said. The police combed the area to check for drugs and found some contraband on the premises. The accused have been booked under various sections of the NDPS Act. All the five have been released on station bail and further they will have to appear before the police as and when they are called.

Nobody can change history: Nitish

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said on Monday that nobody could change history.

"I don't understand how one can change history... History is history... language is a different issue," he told mediapersons on the sidelines of his weekly *janata durbar* (public interaction) programme when a journalist asked for his comments on Home Minister Amit Shah's recent remark about revisiting history books.

Senior BJP leader and Deputy Chief Minister Tarkishore Prasad was beside Mr. Kumar when he made the remark, while BJP leader and State Labour Resource Minister Jibesh Kumar Mishra stood behind him smiling.

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GRAPHICALLY SPEAKING

What Indians own

Nearly two-third of the households in Uttar Pradesh and close to half in Rajasthan endured the searing heat wave this summer without air-conditioners or air-coolers, **NFHS-5 (2019-21)** data reveal. In fact, only 15% of households in rural India owned one of these, whereas in urban areas the ownership was significantly better at around 40%. The data also showed that only 7.5% of households own a car, whereas 50% own a bicycle. Ironically, bicycle lanes are a rarity in India. Notably, only 16% of households own a television, a refrigerator, and a washing machine — showing that the trio are still luxury commodities.

By **Pratap Vardhan*** and **The Hindu Data Team**

Vehicle density

The maps show the share of households in each State that own a type of transport. The overall share of Indians who own a type of vehicle is also mentioned above the map. The darker the colour, the higher the ownership of vehicles. Almost 50% of Indian households own motorised two-wheelers. Punjab tops the list with over 75% households owning a bike while the northeastern States were among the least. A similar share of households also own a bicycle. Bicycle ownership was relatively very high among the eastern, northern and north eastern parts of India

1 Only 7.5% households own a car in India. The ownership was relatively higher in Punjab, Kerala, Goa, Himachal, the UTs of Ladakh and J&K and select northeastern States

2 Close to 25% households in India do not own a car or a bike or a cycle

Household goods

The maps show the share of households in each State that own a household good. The overall share of Indians who own the commodity is also mentioned above the map. The darker the colour, the higher the ownership of household goods. Only 12% of homes in Tamil Nadu own an air conditioner or air cooler. The highest share of 70% was recorded in Punjab. Ownership of refrigerator was relatively poor in the east and north east except Mizoram. Only 16% households in India own all the three — television, refrigerator and washing machine

1 More than 60% households in Punjab and Goa own all the three appliances — television, refrigerator and washing machine. The highest in the country

2 Among household goods, the share of households which own a television were in general higher across States. The share was highest in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry

3 The share of households with a television crossed the 50% mark in all States except Bihar and Jharkhand. Overall 68% households owned a TV

4 Less than 20% households owned a washing machine. The northern States of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh topped the list along with Goa

*Pratap Vardhan runs statsofindia.in

Source: NFHS-5

White-topping: 90% of work under first phase completed

The civic body had taken up 92 kilometres of roads for white-topping, of which work is now completed on around 85 kilometres

Seshadri Road where white-topping work was taken up.
•SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

While the third phase of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) ambitious white-topping project was approved by the Chief Minister last week, the civic body has now finished almost 90% of work in the first phase.

The civic body had taken up 92 kilometres of roads for white-topping, of which work is now completed on around 85 kilometres. according to officials.

On Monday, it was announced that the white-topping work on Seshadri Road was finished within the decided timeline.

"Seshadri Road, which is one of city's important roads, was taken up for development under the white-topping project from K.R. Circle to Subbanna Circle (Mourya Circle). The Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) had given permission to finish the work within 60 days. With their cooperation, traffic restrictions were imposed on the stretch without causing inconvenience to the public and work started on April 4," Tushar Giri Nath, Chief Civic Commissioner, BBMP, said in a press release.

He added that a countdown clock was installed on the foot overbridge near Maharani College to complete the work by June 12. He also mentioned that although there was rainfall for 10 days in May, with extensive utilisation of machinery and human resources, the work could be completed in 60 days.

BBMP officials say that barring any civil work, it can be said that the first phase is almost 100% completed. "We have not been able to complete the work on some roads due to various reasons, like work of other civic agencies (utility shifting), public protests (Gandhi Bazaar, for instance), traffic diversion requirements, and such reasons. Otherwise, it would all have been completed by now," said M. Lokesh, Chief Engineer, (Projects).

He added that the white-topping work had to be dropped on Devanga Samaja Road as there are too many lines of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) passing through the

PENDING ROADS UNDER FIRST PHASE

- P. Kalinga Rao Road – Mission Road: awaiting BTP permission, which will be given post completion of work on Goodshed Road
- Devanga Samaja Road: dropped due to BWSSB lines
- Gandhi Bazaar Road: public protest
- University Road, from Mysuru Road to Ulial: new tender has been called
- Old Outer Ring Road to Kengeri: 150 to 200 metres of work remaining
- Two roads near Banaswadi

Modi to formally inaugurate SMVT on June 20

He will also lay stone for suburban rail project

SUCHITH KIDIYOOR
BENGALURU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will formally inaugurate the Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal (SMVT) on June 20. Sources in the South Western Railway (SWR) said that the PM will also lay the foundation for the redevelopment of Bengaluru Cantonment and Yeswanthpur railway stations in the city.

The SWR has spent ₹314 crore for the Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal that has airport-like facilities and is spread over 4,200 sqm.

Other prominent features of the station include a fully air-conditioned lobby, seven platforms, parking space for 250 four-wheelers, 900 two-wheelers, 50 autos, and 20 cabs. The terminal has easy access for persons with disabilites.

Though the infrastructure was ready more than a year ago, due to various factors, such as pandemic and poor road network, the opening of the terminal to the public was delayed.

On June 6, the maiden train service – Banaswadi-Ernakulam-tri-weekly express – commenced from the Baiyappanahalli terminal on the first day of commercial operations.

Last week, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced that on June 20 the PM will lay the foundation stone for the suburban rail project in the city. The event will be held at Kommaghatta in Kengeri.

Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (KRIDE) is implementing the project worth ₹15, 767 crore having four corridors. The total network of the proposed network is 148 km. In phase I, K-RIDE will take up the project of building suburban rail network from Baiyappanahalli to Chikkabanvara named Mallige corridor. The length of the corridor is 25 km and the line will have 14 stations.

On the same day, the PM will also dedicate the Tumakuru- Arsikere doubling line and Yelahanka-Penukonda doubling line.

MEMU train from SMVT

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

After introducing three pairs of the train from the Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal last week, the SWR for the first time will introduce a local MEMU train from the new terminal. With effect from June 20, trains will be operated from the new terminal to Bangarpet.

Divisional Railway Manager Shyam Singh told *The Hindu* the decision has been taken based on public demand. The division has decided to restore 16 trains that include KSR Bengaluru-Ramanagaram, Whitefield-KSR Bengaluru, and Cantonment to Bangarpet, among others.

However, the decision to cancel KSR Bengaluru to Hosur trains has not gone down well with regular commuters.

They have demanded the authorities reconsider the decision. The DRM said that he will look into concerns raised by the passengers on the rescheduling and the cancellation of trains.

Auto driver killed in accident

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A 34-year-old autorickshaw driver was killed and several vehicles damaged, in a serial accident outside the satellite bus stand on the busy Mysuru Road on Monday morning.

The deceased was identified as Girisagar. He was stuck in the mangled autorickshaw between a goods vehicle and a bus, until passers-by pulled him out and shifted him to a nearby hospital, where he succumbed later. According to the police, the accident occurred around 6.30 a.m. when a canter truck, heading from Hosaguddadahalli junction towards Bapujinagar, which was allegedly being driven in a rash and negligent manner, collided with a goods vehicle.

Due to the impact, the goods vehicle collided with the autorickshaw, which was sandwiched between the goods vehicle and a Volvo bus. The driver of the canter truck abandoned the vehicle and fled the scene after the accident .

Traffic movement on the busy road was disrupted for an hour till the Byatarayanapura Traffic Police and pulled out the damaged vehicles to allow free flow of traffic.

The police have registered a case against the driver charging him under Section 279 (Rash driving or riding on a public way), Section 304 (causes the death of any person by doing any rash or negligent act not amounting to culpable homicide), and Section 134 of the IPC, and various sections of the Motor Vehicles Act.

The accident took place outside the satellite bus stand on Mysuru Road in Bengaluru on Monday morning

Biker killed in hit and run

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A motorcycle rider was killed when a speeding car knocked him down on Yelahanka Parallel Road on Sunday night.

Manoj Kumar, 22, an employee of a cab aggregator, was returning home after work. A speeding car knocked him down. Manoj fell and sustained severe injuries. He was rushed to the hospital where doctors declared him brought dead.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that our client, Sri. **G.SOMIREDDY** S/o Sri. Late. Chinnappa Reddy, aged about 68 yrs, residing at No.14, Anniah Reddy Layout, Doddakannelli, Carmelaram Post, Bangalore-560 035, was forcefully forced to enter into an General Power Attorney registered vide Doc.No. BKT 5148 on 22.02.2021 with his Son Mr.CHINNAPPA REDDY.G.S. S/o. G.Somireddy aged about 40 yrs. Residing at same Address mentioned above and is misused the said GPA which was forcefully which was obtained from our client who is a senior citizen. Hence our clients is cancelling the said GPA dated 22.02.2021. And it is deemed to be cancelled and forfeited, our clients will not take any responsibilities further. Herein any transaction through this GPA shall not be binding on our Client in the future.

Shaji .T Verghese, Advocate
Legal i Advocates and solicitors
Cell : 9845154053
Dated : 14/06/2022 Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my client, Mr.B.S.Altaf Pasha S/o. Baji Sab, Aged about 54 years, residing at No. # 8/1, 1st Cross 5th main, Padarayanapura, Bangalore-560026 has LOST THE ORIGINAL SALE DEED DATED 23.12.1982, WHICH IS REGISTERED AS DOCUMENT NO.3640/1982-83 OF BOOK-I, VOLUME 826, Page No.193-194, IN THE OFFICE SUB - REGISTRAR, SRIRAMAPURAM, BANGALORE, REGISTERED ON 07.02.1983, LOST AT PADARAYANAPURA BUS STAND, ON 10.06.2022, BETWEEN 5PM TO 6 PM. A Complaint is lodged in online dated 13.06.2022 vide Lost Report bearing No.0244245/2022, Finders may return the same to the near Police Station or contact at the below address .

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ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS,
Office: No.739, 3rd Floor, 60th Cross,
Near Bhashyam Circle, 5th Block, Rajajinagar,
Bangalore-560 010. **Land line:** 080-46620073

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The general public is hereby informed that my clients intend to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder from its present owner **Mr. C.N.Bhushan**, son of late N. Chandrasekhariah and late Savithri alias Savithramma alias Savithriammal, residing at #57, Coles Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore-560 005, he having acquired title to the same under a Gift deed dated 04.10.2012 registered as Document No. 3893/99-2000 in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore and The Gift deed dated 12.12.2016 registered as Document No. 6786/2016-17 in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Indiranagar, Bangaluru.

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http://www.saisouth-bangalore.com.

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Government of Jharkhand
Department of Mines & Geology
Directorate of Geology
Engineers' Hostel No-1, 2nd floor, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004

Notice No.- 02 /2022-23

Directorate of Geology invites sealed application on attached format from Empanelment of Agencies for preparation of DPR to setup a New Geological Laboratory at Chaibasa West Singhbhum, Jharkhand for Chemical and Petrological analysis of different rocks, minerals and ores as per NABL

Last date of submission of **EOI is 05.07.2022 upto 1.00 P.M.**

- Terms, Conditions & Application forms are available on our website www.jharkhand.gov.in and also at our office notice board.
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Sd/-
(Vijay Kumar Ojha)
Director, Geology

PR.NO.271406 Mines and Geology(22-23):D

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(e-procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works.

No. SEE/Tr.(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-179/22-23/2585-87 Date: 10.06.2022

Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/EPR-27 & 28 Dated 10.06.2022** for **1.** Drying of transformer windings and filtration of oil duly replacing the gaskets and removal of sludge of the existing 20MVA NGEF make power transformer at the 66/11KV Leelaventure Sub-station in TL&SS Division, Hoody Division. (Short Term).
2. Design, manufacture, testing, supply, installation and commissioning of new 110V DC, 10A float and 2x220V, 30A float Battery Charger.

No. SEE/Tr./M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-154-Packages/22-23/2592-97 Date: 10.06.2022

Bid Enquiry No.: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/Shift/EPR-02 to EPR-29 Dated: 10.06.2022** for providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at 220kV/66/11kV and 66/11KV stations **Package-12,** in the jurisdiction of BMAZ South Circle.

The Bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **www.kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **'e-Procurement-KPTCL'** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **14.06.2022.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,
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(ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

(WORK INDENT NO: DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT132133)

ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಅಮೃತ ನಗರೋತ್ಥಾನ (ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿ) ಹಂತ–04 ರ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕೋಷ್ಟಕ–01 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಿಸುವಂತೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಚರಂಡಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದು ಸದ್ರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಆರ್ಹ ಬಿಡ್ದಾರರಿಂದ ಬೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕೋಷ್ಟಕ–01

(WORK INDENT NO: DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT132133)

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವಿವರ	ಬೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ಣ ಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಅವಧಿ	ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆಯ ವರ್ಗ
1.	1. ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 15ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಗಂಗನಾಡು ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ಮೂಕಾಂಬಿಕ ಫೈಲ್ ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಟರಿ ವರೆಗೆ ಕೂಡು ರಸ್ತೆ ಕಲ್ವರ್ಟ್ ಸಹಿತ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಲು 2. ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 16ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಸೂರ್ಕೇರಿಯ ಹೆಸರುಪಾಕ್ಕೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮತ್ತು 14ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಮಯ್ಯಾಡಿ ಮಾಸಾಯಿ ಮಹಿಷಾಸುರಕೆರೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಪ. ಜಾತಿಯವರಿಗಾಗಿ ಉಪಯೋಗಕ್ಕಾಗಿ 17ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್‌ನ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ ಸೇವಾದಿ ಸಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ 3. ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 12ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಪಾಪ್ಕೆಗುಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ 4. ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 2ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಿರೋಡಿಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಬಿರಿ ಕಟ್ಟುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಂಕ್ರೀಟೀಕರಣ 5. ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 6ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಅಲಂಬಾಡಿ ಕೋಣಾಡಿಕ್ಕೆ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ 6. ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 17ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಗೋಳಿಕೆರು ಸುಂಬಾಣಿ ಹೊಸಾರಿ ಮನೆ ಬಳಿ ಹೋಗಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತು ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ	165.42	2.48	06 ತಿಂಗಳು	KPWD Class-III & Above

ಕೋಷ್ಟಕ–02

(WORK INDENT NO: DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT132118)

2.	1. ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 3ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಶಿರೂರು ಸೋಮೇಶ್ವರ ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ಹೆಗ್ಗರಬೈಲು ಎಸ್. ಸಿ ಕಾಲೋನಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಕಾಂಕ್ರೀಟೀಕರಣ ಮತ್ತು 6ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಯೋಜನಾನಗರ ಎಸ್. ಸಿ ಕಾಲೋನಿ ಚರಂಡಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ 2. ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 17ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಪ. ಜಾತಿಯವರ ಉಪಯೋಗಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಅಡ್ಕೋಣ ರಸ್ತೆ ಡಾಂಬರೀಕರಣ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. 3. ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 15ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಬಾಣಾ ಬಿಲ್ಲವರ ರಸ್ತೆ ಕಾಂಕ್ರೀಟೀಕರಣ. 4. ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಸಮುದಾಯ ಸ್ಮಾಶನ 05ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಸಾರಾಬು ಹಾಗು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಬಳಕೆಗೆ ಹೋಗುವ ಹೋಗುವ ರಸ್ತೆ ಡಾಂಬರೀಕರಣ	140.76	2.11	06 ತಿಂಗಳು	KPWD Class-III & Above
	5. ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 01 ರಿಂದ 04ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್‌ಗಳ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. 6. ಅ) ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 10ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನ ಯಡ್ತರೆ ಮಾಬಾಳಿಬೆಟ್ಟ ಮುಂಬಯಲಿನ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಆ) ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 10ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಶೇಷ ಕೇಂದ್ರಿತ ಯೋಜನೆ ಅಡಿಯ ಸುಸಜ್ಜಿತ ಒಳಾಂಗಣ ಕ್ರೀಡಾಂಗಣ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಮತ್ತು ಬೈಂದೂರು ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ಸುಧಾರಣೆಗಳ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾಸಿಕ ಘಟಕ ಅಂದಾಜಿ				

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I, **SANDESH** Tandav, s/o Ravindra Balkrishna Tandav, born on 27-Dec-1986, resident of E2-1176, Sobha Amethyst,Kannamangala Main Road, Kannamangala, Bangalore 560067, solemnly affirm and declare that I am also known as Sandesh Ravindra Tandav. In Adhaar Card (830051538803) and PAN card (AJVPT5652P), my name has been stated as Sandesh Ravindra Tandav, but in my passport my name has been stated as Sandesh Tandav. Both these names are correct and belong to the same person.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **INDRANIL HAZARIKA,** son of Dipak Hazarika, aged 24 years, residing at Building No. 163, 5th Cross Road, 28th Main Road, 1st Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560 102 and having permanent address at Tipling Nawajodi Village, Duliajan, Dibrugarh, Assam 786602 have changed my name to **'GIA HAZARIKA'** and gender to FEMALE vide Affidavit dated 19.05.2022 before Notary Bhagya Kumari, N Bangalore.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I **Sumathi** Jagadeesha W/o. Jagadeesha Nanjappa R/o #304, Chhabria Surya Apt, 1st C Main, 5th B Cross, Chakalappa Layout, Kasturi Nagar, Bangalore - 560043, have changed my name to Sumathi Jagdish for all purposes

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O.S. No. 721/2018

Between
ICICI Bank Ltd.,
Having its Registered Office at ICIC Bank Towers, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390007 ...Plaintiff
And
1st Floor, Deeskha Setty Mansion Rama Vilasa Road, Mysuru- 16 Represented by its Authorised Representative Anandraj. R
And
K. Udhayakumar ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
K. Udhayakumar
S/o. Kannan, Aged 32 years
R/a. Kasaba Hobli,
Bommanayakanahalli Village,
Alur, Near Bus Stop, Hassan-573201

Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of **Rs. 1,98,623.67/- (as on 10/04/2018)** along with interest at **18% p.a.** and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able are answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on the **24/06/2022** at **11:00 P.M.** take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this **24th** day of **May, 2022.**

Principal First Civil Judge, Jr.Div., Civil Court Complex, Mysuru

Advocate for Plaintiff
Apoorvananda.K, MIG 32, Ground Floor, Nrupathunga Road, Kuvempunagar Mysore- 570023

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Falling crypto

>1 In trillion $, the level to which the value of the cryptocurrency market fell on Monday. This is the first such instance since January 2021, according to data site CoinMarketCap, with the level reaching as low as $926 billion. The global cryptocurrency market peaked at $2.9 trillion in November 2021, but it has faltered so far this year. It has lost $1 trillion in value in the last two months alone as investors ditched riskier assets in the face of high inflation and fears that interest rate raises by central banks will hamper growth. REUTERS

Dino-mite ticket sales

143 In million $, is how much *Jurassic World Dominion* brought in in its domestic box office debut, securing it's spot at the top of box office charts. Despite blistering reviews, the sixth film in Universal's dinosaur saga is looming large over a sizzling weekend at the domestic box office. It's only the third time in the pandemic era that ticket sales have collectively eclipsed the $200 million mark, according to Comscore. This is also due to the enduring popularity of *Top Gun: Maverick* which is still flying high in second place. REUTERS

Inflation eases

7.04 In percentage, India's May retail inflation level — a slight ease compared to the eight-year high of 7.79% in April. This figure, however, remains above the central bank's tolerance band for a fifth month in a row, suggesting it would continue with rate hikes in August. A surge in crude oil prices since Russia invaded Ukraine has pushed up consumer prices globally, forcing central banks to raise interest rates to tame inflation. May's print was marginally lower than the 7.10% forecast by economists. REUTERS

Spreading illness

126 The number of cases of dengue along with the 21 cases of malaria reported in Delhi, according to a civic report released on Monday. No death has been reported due to the vector-borne disease so far. Cases of vector-borne diseases are usually reported between July and November, but the period may stretch till mid-December. Civic officials said this year, dengue cases are being recorded early due to a congenial weather for mosquito-breeding. Delhi has also reported eight cases of chikungunya so far this year. PTI

Ukraine opens probe

12,000 The number of Ukrainians killed nationwide during Russia's war for which police have opened criminal investigations. Authorities in the Kyiv region reported discovering the bodies of several victims whose hands were tied behind their backs. Since the withdrawal of Russian troops from the region, authorities say they have uncovered the bodies of 1,316 people. Reporters saw a mass grave just behind a trench dug out for a military vehicle. AP

In ruins: A bulldozer demolishes the house of a Muslim man, who Uttar Pradesh State authorities accuse of being involved in riots, in Prayagraj on June 12. • REUTERS

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Demolition drives violate international law

The bulldozing of houses was to impose collective punishment on the alleged rioters

PRABHASH RANJAN
AMAN KUMAR

In the context of the Uttar Pradesh government bulldozing 'illegal properties' of protestors who took to the streets to condemn the comments made by erstwhile BJP spokespersons, this article dated April 20, 2022 by Prabhash Ranjan and Aman Kumar explains how arbitrary destruction and eviction of houses are against international laws.

Communal clashes broke out during Ram Navami processions in several parts of the country including at Khargone in Madhya Pradesh. Subsequently, the Madhya Pradesh government bulldozed the houses of those who were allegedly involved in rioting. The State government claims that these demolitions are in response to illegal encroachments. However, the fact that these arbitrary demolitions are being carried out against the alleged rioters of one particular community and in the immediate aftermath of the riots shows that their purpose seems to be to impose collective punishment.

The bulldozing machines– the new symbols of brute state power – are not just demolishing houses and shops but also bulldozing rule of law and our constitutional order. This idea of serving 'justice', quick and cold, through bulldozers emanated in Uttar Pradesh. In the wake of protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 the Uttar Pradesh government passed orders to recover damages from those who were allegedly involved in destroying public property. This process has been further institutionalised through the enactment of the Uttar Pradesh Recovery of Damages to Public and Private Property Act, 2020.

Several commentators have already pointed out that the use of such brute state power violates various domestic legal provisions. Our purpose is to illustrate that the act of bulldozing houses without due process and legal sanction also amounts to a breach of India's international law obligations.

Right to adequate housing

The right to housing is not only a fundamental right recognised under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution, it is also a well-documented right under the international human rights law framework, which is binding on India. For instance, Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) states that "everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care...".

Likewise, Article 11.1 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) recognises "the right of everyone to an adequate standard of living for himself and his family, including adequate food, clothing and housing, and to the continuous improvement of living conditions". Furthermore, under Article 11.1, countries are under an obligation to take "appropriate steps" to ensure the realisation of these rights such as the right to adequate housing.

The rights recognised under ICESCR, according to Article 4, can be restricted by States only if the limitations are determined by law in a manner compatible with the nature of these rights and solely to promote society's general welfare. However, any limitation imposed on the rights given in the Covenant such as the right to adequate housing cannot lead to the destruction of these rights. This is categorically recognised in Article 5 of ICESCR.

Besides, international law also prohibits arbitrary interference in an individual's right to property. For instance, Article 12 of the UDHR states that "no one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation". Article 12 also stipulates that "everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks". This same right is also provided under Article 17 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). Article 17 further provides that everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others and that no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property. Thus, arbitrary interference with an individual's property is a gross violation of the ICCPR.

Forced evictions

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) commonly known as the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Office – whose mandate is to promote and protect human rights guaranteed under international law – has elaborated on the content of the right to adequate housing.

According to the UN Human Rights Office, an integral element of the right to adequate housing is 'protection against forced evictions'. Building on the right to adequate housing, given in Article 11.1 of ICESCR, the UN Human Rights Office defines 'forced evictions' as 'permanent or temporary removal against the will of individuals, families and/or communities from the homes and/or land which they occupy, without the provision of, and access to, appropriate forms of legal or other protection'. The right to adequate housing also entails freedom from arbitrary interference with one's home, privacy, and family.

The bulldozing of the houses by the Madhya Pradesh government of the alleged rioters amounts to forced eviction and arbitrary interference with an individual's home, thus a breach of Article 11.1 of the ICESCR. This action can be defended under international law only if it can be shown that the forced eviction is as per the law and in conformity with the provisions of the human rights covenants. Also, other requirements such as whether the state action was necessary and proportionate will have to be examined. It is unlikely that these forced evictions can be lawfully defended given the timing of the eviction.

One wonders that if these demolitions were against illegal encroachments, then did the authorities get the eviction order on the day of the riots, or did they have an eviction order earlier, but decided to act only after the riots? Also, were the eviction orders limited to the Muslim locality?

Judicial incorporation

Moreover, the international human rights law identified above has been judicially incorporated by the Supreme Court of India into the Indian legal system. The apex court in cases like *Bachan Singh vs State of Punjab*, *Vishaka vs State of Rajasthan*, and recently in the famous *Puttaswamy vs Union of India* has laid down the principle that the fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution must be read and interpreted in a manner which would enhance their conformity with international human rights law.

As the custodian of India's constitutional order, it is high time that the judiciary acted and imposed necessary checks on the unbridled exercise of power by the executive. Courts should use international law to counter the nationalist-populist discourse.

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THE GIST

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- The above identified international human rights law has been judicially incorporated by the Supreme Court of India into the Indian legal system. Therefore, the bulldozing of houses of the alleged rioters amounts to forced eviction and arbitrary interference with an individual's home which is a breach of national as well as international law.

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Perfect hostess, imperfect life

The memories of war looms over Virginia Woolf's 1925 novel about a day in June

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"Mrs. Dalloway said that she would get the flowers herself." A contemporary reader might put the eye-roll emoji beside this sentence, which introduces us to Mrs. Dalloway, the eponymous protagonist of Virginia Woolf's 1925 novel. The first meeting is off-putting in a way – can we be invested in a woman so privileged that she usually has people fetching flowers for her? Do we care if she has decided to venture out by herself this one time? The word 'care' is pivotal, because Clarissa Dalloway, the posh, middle-aged wife of an MP, apparently seems to care only about flowers, parties and her genteel friends. The unfolding novel reveals that she is weighed down with cares – about her old friends, failed relationships, her rebellious daughter and above all, the state of the world, which has changed radically. Clarissa walks down London one day in the middle of June 1923, when the Great War has just about ended and another one is looming over the horizon.

The war never leaves

"The War was over" we are told. Ostensibly yes, but actually it is everywhere – in the buildings still bearing the scars of Zeppelin raids, in the minds of traumatised people who fight darkness even on that bright sunny day in June. Just beneath the surface of sparkling London is the "unreal city", with grey streets, broken people and a sickly yellow fog that T.S. Eliot spoke of in *The Waste Land*, published three years before Mrs. Dalloway. "I had not thought death had undone so many./ Sighs, short and infrequent, were exhaled,/ And each man fixed his eyes before his feet."

On her flower-hunting mission, Mrs. Dalloway walks along Piccadilly towards Bond Street. The Royal Academy of Arts on Piccadilly had suffered considerable damage during an air-raid in September 1917. Members of its staff were enlisted in the army as soon as the war began. Ernest E.V. Wright, the sub-librarian, served at Gallipoli and the Somme, and resumed his career at the Academy after the war. Others weren't so lucky. Francis E.F. Crisp, a painter, volunteered for the Artists Rifles and went to the front in 1914. He was dead within 10 weeks. Virginia Woolf's youngest brother-in-law Cecil was killed in 1917 at the battle of Cambrai just after he turned 30.

One of the fearsome after-effects of the carnage was that it made stories impossible. War veterans returned with PTSD, trapped forever in the horror they have witnessed, unable to move ahead. Septimus Warren Smith, suffering from shell-shock, still talks to his fallen friend Evans. He has retreated to his inner world because he fears that people outside have lost the capacity for love and kindness. Locked up in his personal inferno, he can seek release only through death.

The end of love and art

Clarissa, who has never met Septimus, understands his compulsions perfectly when she hears about his death by suicide towards the end of her party. Earlier in the novel, the mind of these two strangers unified briefly as they both found solace in Shakespeare's lines: "Fear no more the heat of the sun/Nor the furious winter's rages." The beauty of the lines is like a talisman protecting them from mortality by transmuting it into something rich and strange. This is the very possibility that war threatens to negate each time it strikes. It shatters art, beauty and love.

Clarissa carries Septimus within her but unlike him, she must go on, in a nod to life, to art. The novel carrying her name is the fragment salvaged from the ruins of war. In its pages, "The War was over" and life has won.

Mrs. Dalloway moves us because not much has changed in human nature since 1925. The world is still at war, victims' bodies are piling up, minds are getting twisted out of shape by grief. Mrs. Dalloway, the woman and her novel, stands like a lone figure choosing life, rebuffing death.

THE DAILY QUIZ

The 44th Chess Olympiad will take place next month in Tamil Nadu. How well do you know your chess champions?

1. Who became the youngest World Chess Champion at the age of 22 years and 210 days?
2. Who was the youngest to become a Grandmaster in chess at the age of 12 years 4 months and 25 days?
3. Who was India's first International Master?
4. Who in 2016 became the youngest international master in history, at the age of 10 years, 10 months, and 19 days?
5. If a chess player is starting with a 1.e4 move (one of the most popular opening moves), which piece on the chess board is he moving and where?

◄ What was the name of the computer that defeated the chess world champion Garry Kasparov on May 1997? It, thereby created a record of being the first computer to win a match against a world champion.

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This king was the longest-reigning monarch in history. **Ans: Louis XIV**
2. In 1993, the Buckingham Palace was opened to the public for the first time because of this incident. **Ans: A fire broke out at Windsor Castle. Money raised from the entry fee to Buckingham Palace was used to restore the castle**
3. The Prime Minister Queen Elizabeth enjoyed meeting the most. **Ans: Winston Churchill**
4 The Queen's greatest regret remains her delayed response to this disaster which killed nearly 150 people. **Ans: The Aberfan disaster.**
5 During the Queen's last visit to India, this Indian Prime Minister reportedly called Britain a "third-rate power". **Ans: I.K. Gujral**
6. This King was the shortest reigning British monarch; he was never crowned. **Ans: Edward VIII. He abdicated over the controversial decision to marry an Australian divorcee.**
7.The Queen technically has the right to claim ownership of this particular bird and two aquatic mammals in British waters. **Ans: Swans (unmarked mute swans) and whales and dolphins**
Visual: The three men in the picture with the Queen. **Ans: Michael Collins, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin**

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RISE 05:54 SET 18:46
RISE 18:50 SET 05:23

WEDNESDAY, JUN. 15
RISE 05:54 SET 18:47
RISE 19:58 SET 06:27

THURSDAY, JUN. 16
RISE 05:54 SET 18:47
RISE 21:02 SET 07:34

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	23
Mysuru	30	20
Bengaluru	29	21

Bengaluru Today
30°C The weather will be dry. Day will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C A slight warm and humid weather to prevail. Night remains comfortable. Chances of rain and thundershower.

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TAC wants strict compliance of masks, but no penalty for now

Committee also recommends surveillance of international arrivals

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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The State's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has recommended strict compliance of wearing masks in public areas, surveillance of international arrivals, and intensified sewage surveillance in Bengaluru. The issue of levying a penalty has been kept in abeyance as of now.

The TAC last week advised the State to reintroduce compulsory masks in public places. Advising that the services of Marshals and the police should be used to ensure strict compliance as a first step, the TAC had said that if there is no public cooperation, after five to seven days, the State should issue an order under the Disaster Management Act and enforce the same with penalty for defaulters.

However, at Monday's TAC meeting it was decided to set aside the issue of levying a penalty on mask violators for the time being. "We have reiterated that the State should ensure strict compliance by using Marshals and the police in crowded public areas and closed spaces such as busy markets, exhibitions, marriage halls, shopping malls, buses, trains, offices, commercial establishments, educational institutions, and all air-conditioned halls," M.K. Sudarshan, TAC chairman, told *The Hindu* after the meeting.

The TAC last week advised the State to reintroduce compulsory masks in public places. • FILE PHOTO

> **Although COVID-19 cases are rising in the city, disease severity is mild and there is no rise in case fatality rate. The State is adopting a cautious approach and people need not panic.**
> K. SUDHAKAR, Health and Medical Education Minister

The TAC has also recommended that posters and rolling visual messages should be displayed on compulsory masks in public areas. "Creating awareness about taking the vaccination that is due, undergoing testing when symptomatic, and compliance to COVID-19 protocols, such as avoiding crowds, closed places, and closed conversations, is essential," he said.

At the meeting that was chaired by Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar, the COVID-19 situation – globally, in the country and the State, in particular Mysuru where Prime Minister Narendra Modi is participating in the International Yoga Day event on June 21 – was discussed.

While advising the State to immediately recruit necessary laboratory personnel and start genomic sequencing in the Department of Microbiology at Victoria Hospital, affiliated to BMCRI, the TAC has said sewage surveillance should be monitored regularly for emergence of any new variants.

On Yoga day

"We have advised that the International Yoga Day event at Mysuru can be organised with strict compliance to COVID Appropriate Behaviour. Fully vaccinated asymptomatic people should be allowed to participate and those without two-dose vaccine certificates should produce a negative RT-PCR report, not older than 72 hours," Dr. Sudarshan said.

Speaking to presspersons, Dr. Sudhakar said there is no need to panic as the State is taking all precautionary measures to check the spread of COVID-19 as well as dengue that is also on the rise. However, people should continue to follow precautions, he said.

"Although COVID-19 cases are rising in the city, disease severity is mild and there is no rise in case fatality rate. The State is adopting a cautious approach and people need not panic," he said.

He said he will visit Mysuru on Tuesday to review preparations for the Yoga Day event.

3,898 ticketless passengers penalised

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

In its drive against ticketless travel, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) conducted during May.

The corporation penalised 3,898 passengers for travelling without a ticket and collected a fine of ₹6,31,767 from them. Further, the release stated that disciplinary action has been initiated against the erring staff, said a KSRTC press release.

CET: Surgical masks a must; N-95, cotton masks restricted

The test will be held on June 16, 17 and 18 at 486 centres

STAFF REPORTER
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As COVID-19 cases are gradually rising in the State, the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has decided to strictly follow COVID-19 norms while conducting the Common Entrance Test (CET) on June 16, 17 and 18 at 486 centres.

However, while wearing surgical masks for all students and staff in the examination hall is compulsory, to prevent malpractices, the KEA has restricted the use of N-95 and cotton masks.

A total 2,16,525 students have enrolled for CET-2022. In Bengaluru, it will be held at 87 centres and 45,133 students will write the exam.

While exams for Biology (morning) and Mathematics (afternoon) are scheduled on June 16, Physics (morning) and Chemistry (afternoon) exams will be held on June 17. Kannada Language Test will be conducted on June 18 for Horanadu and Gadinadu Kannadiga candidates at select centres.

The KEA, which released the CET-2022 guidelines, has strictly banned head scarves, which cover the ears and head, without mentioning hijab, in the examination halls.

Restrictions have been imposed on girls against wearing any type jewels, earrings, bangles, high heeled slippers, jeans and t-shirts. Girls must wear garments like salwar suits and sandals only. Boys should wear only half shirt and pant, along with sandals, without in-shirt. Only plain water bottles will be allowed into the examination halls.

All the centres will be sanitised and social distancing and sanitisers are also mandatory. Students and staff will be tested with thermal scanners before entering the examination centre. There will be special rooms arranged for students suffering from fever, cold, cough, and other problems.

There will be some separate arrangement for Covid-19 positive students.

KEA Executive Director S. Ramya, told *The Hindu*, "There will be many restrictions in the examination hall. Students must use only blue or black point pens to shade the answer in the OMR sheet. Also, they should bring photo identity cards like college identity card, driving licence, passport, Aadhaar card, PAN card, II PU admission tickets along with the admission ticket. Students should come to the examination hall one hour before the exam".

Meanwhile, students organisations have appealed the KEA to postpone the CET. In a press statement on Monday, they said, "CBSE students will be finishing their board exams on June 15. In reality, these students will be left with no time for CET. Many students are expressing worry, panic stricken and are extremely anxious, unprepared to take CET on these scheduled dates. So we appeal you to give sufficient time before appearing for CET."

ADVISORY FOR STUDENTS

What is allowed	What is not allowed
▪ Surgical masks	▪ Hijab and headscarves
▪ Plain water bottles	▪ Full shirts
▪ Admission ticket	▪ Wristwatch, calculators, mobile phones, Bluetooth, slide rules, white fluid, wireless sets, pieces of paper, books, and any other electronic devices
▪ Photo identity proof	▪ Any type of jewellery, earrings, bangles
▪ Ballpoint pens	▪ High-heeled slippers
▪ Plain garments	▪ Jeans trousers
▪ Sandals	▪ T-shirts

Bike taxi row: Rapido accuses govt. of violating High Court's interim order

State government, however, denies the charge

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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Roppen Transportation Services Pvt. Ltd., which operates bike taxis under the brand name Rapido, has complained to the High Court of Karnataka that the State authorities are seizing its vehicles in violation of an interim order passed by the court, which in August last year had directed the State not to take any coercive action against it.

The allegation was made before a Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice C.M. Poonacha, during the hearing of a contempt of court petition filed by the company. However, the government counsel refuted the allegation, saying bike taxis of the petitioner company were seized prior to interim order passed by a single judge on August 11, 2021.

FROM THE COURT

Also, the government counsel told the Bench that the interim order passed by the judge virtually resulted in "grant of licence" to the company while pointing out that the government was yet to frame rules for grant of licence for operation of bike taxis.

The government counsel also contended that the company could not operate bike taxis without obtaining licence, while pointing out that the government had recently moved the single judge to hear the writ petition filed by the company, in which the company had questioned rejection of its application for grant of licence.

The company last year had filed a writ petition pointing out that its application for grant of bike aggregator's licence to the Commissioner of Transport was rejected while issuing an endorsement that the company had to apply under the Karnataka Electricity Bike Taxi (KEBT) Scheme 2021.

However, the company pointed out that its application was not for operation of electric two-wheelers but general bikes and hence rejection of its application was erroneous.

The company had submitted the application seeking licence following a Division Bench order in April 2021 (in the first round of litigation over the issue of non-consideration of applications for grant of licence to bike taxis) had said that the government had to consider the applications for grant of licence as the Motor Vehicle Act had a provision for using motorcycles for hire to carry one passenger on pillion.

Meanwhile, the Bench adjourned further hearing on the contempt petition by two weeks by asking the government to file its written statements.

BASE to offer admissions based on CUET

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In a first for a State university in Karnataka, the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University (BASE), Bengaluru, will offer admission to all programmes for the 2022-23 academic year, based on the Common Universities Entrance Test (CUET), which is conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA).

C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Higher Education, IT/BT and Science and Technology, during a visit to the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University on Monday.

The university has extended the date for applying for the five-year integrated MSc Economics, the two-year MSc Economics, and the two-year MSc Financial Economics to July 10, and the NTA will conduct the examination at the national level. Students will get the admission on the basis of CUET rank.

The Ministry of Education has introduced the CUET for all UG and PG courses from the academic year 2022-23 through NTA in various central universities to provide a common platform and equal opportunities to candidates across the country.

NTA will be conducting CUET in 13 languages, including English, Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu and in 547 cities within India and in 13 cities outside India.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) issued a public notice on March 21 that made CUET compulsory for admission in UG programmes from the academic session of 2022-23 in all UGC-funded Central universities.

To save students from appearing in multiple entrance examinations conducted on different dates, sometimes coinciding with each other, and to also provide equal opportunity to all students from different boards, UGC advised to adopt CUET in all State universities, deemed to be universities, private universities, and other Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) for admission of students in their UG programmes. In Karnataka, many State universities, private universities, and HEIs are conducting their own entrance exams for admissions to various UG and PG programmes, while many are giving admissions based on merit without any entrance tests.

N.R. Bhanumurthy, Vice-Chancellor of BASE, told *The Hindu*, "This is the first time we are offering admission to all programmes on the basis of CUET. Whether the exam will conducted online or offline will depend on the NTA. An entrance test like CUET will help all the students across the country".

BASE has reserved 60% of seats to Karnataka students and 40% for other State students. Earlier, BASE would conduct its own entrance examination and gave admissions on the basis of the rank.

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'Snapping' footwear to help prevent diabetic foot complications

It has been developed by IISc. and Karnataka Institute of Endocrinology and Research

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Researchers at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), in collaboration with the Karnataka Institute of Endocrinology and Research (KIER), have developed a set of unique self-regulating footwear for persons with diabetes.

Foot injuries or wounds in persons with diabetes heal at a slower rate, which increases the chance of infection, and may lead to complications that require amputation in extreme cases.

The footwear is 3D printed and can be customised to an individual's foot and walking style. Unlike conventional therapeutic footwear, a snapping mechanism in these sandals keeps the feet well-balanced, enabling faster healing of the injured region and preventing injuries from arising in other areas of the feet, explained an IISc. release.

(a) (b)
The footwear is 3D printed and can be customised to an individual's foot and walking style. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The footwear can be especially beneficial for people with diabetic peripheral neuropathy – those who suffer from nerve damage caused by diabetes, leading to a loss of sensation in the foot, said the release.

Pavan Belehalli, Head of the Department of Podiatry at KIER, and one of the authors of the study published in *Wearable Technologies*, said diabetic peripheral neuropathy is a long-term complication of diabetes and its diagnosis is mostly neglected. This loss of sensation leads to irregular walking patterns.

"Regions of the foot where the pressure exerted is high are at greater risk of developing ulcers, corns, calluses, and other complications. Most of the therapeutic footwear available in the market is ineffective at off-loading the uneven pressure of the abnormal gait cycle of persons with diabetes," said the release.

To address this challenge, the researchers designed arches in their sandals that 'snap' to an inverted shape when a pressure beyond a certain threshold is applied.

"When we remove the pressure, the arch will automatically come back to its initial position - this is what is called self-offloading. We consider the individual's weight, foot size, walking speed, and pressure distribution to arrive at the maximum force that has to be offloaded," explained first author Priyabrata Maharana, PhD student in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, IISc.

Multiple arches have been designed along the length of the footwear to offload the pressure effectively. "Most of the time, people use electromechanical solutions. Such solutions involve using sensors and actuators that can rack up the price of the footwear and make them very expensive," said G.K. Ananthasuresh, Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, IISc., and senior author of the study.

The team is collaborating with start-ups Foot Secure and Yostra Labs to commercialise their product.

Retailers push for 24x7 business, but police are wary

Successive city police chiefs have refused permission

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Retailers and hoteliers have again been lobbying hard for outlets to be allowed to do business 24x7 in the city.

After successive City Police Commissioners refused permission, the Department of Commerce and Industries has now convened a meeting on June 14, following a representation by the Retailers' Association of India that the local police authorities are forcing establishments to close early, despite government permitting them to be open 24/7.

The Labour Department issued an order in January, 2021, permitting establishments to be open 24x7 in Bengaluru. However, the Bengaluru City Police have not allowed this yet.

The June 14 meeting will be chaired by Additional Chief Secretary, Commerce and Industries Department, and will include Bengaluru City Police Commissioner C.H. Pratap Reddy.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Hotels' Association recently met Mr. Reddy and appealed to him to allow outlets to be open 24x7, at least in transport hubs and places where facilities are needed for cab drivers and police, if not across the city.

When contacted, Mr. Reddy refused to comment on the matter, as it was still under consideration.

Staff crunch

Two previous Commissioners had not allowed it. The police have been wary since they are already reeling under a staff crunch and allowing establishments to be open 24x7 would only mean an increase in crime, nuisance, and traffic offences they fear.

In April 2022, when the retailers made a similar push, the residents' welfare associations of areas like Indiranagar, Koramangala, and J.P. Nagar, reeling under rampant commercialisation, came down heavily on the January 2021 order and said if implemented, they will also challenge it legally, as there has been no public consultation held on a move that would severely affect their lives. P.C. Rao, President, BBHA, told *The Hindu*, that it is not right for a global city like Bengaluru to not have a vibrant nightlife and the police's refusal to allow the same was hurting the city.

"There is an industry working through the night with a bustling airport. There are scores of tourists and foreign travellers too. We are asking for retail outlets, like malls, film screenings, pharmacies, mobile repair shops, car garages, supermarkets, not just eateries, to be allowed to open 24x7 at least around transport hubs and in selected spots in the Central Business District. If not everyday, then it should be allowed at least during weekends to promote business activity. This will also reduce traffic during the daytime," he said.

Sources in the city police said they were open to the idea of allowing certain establishments to function 24x7 strictly around transport hubs and not anywhere else.

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West Teachers constituency sees highest turnout at 84%

The North West Graduates constituency reported lowest turnout at 59%

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The polling for the four Legislative Council seats from Graduates and Teachers constituencies across the State went off peacefully on Monday with Karnataka West Teachers constituency reporting the highest turnout while the Karnataka North West Graduates reported the lowest turnout.

COUNCIL POLLS

Both teachers' constituencies reported good turnout.

People posing for a picture after casting their votes in Mysuru on Monday. • M.A. SRIRAM

- The poll has been necessitated owing to the retirement of members Basavaraj Horatti, K.T. Srikante Gowda, Arun Shahpur, and Hanumanth R. Nirani, who are completing their term on July 4

Highs and lows

At the end of polling, Karnataka West Teachers, where former Chairman and BJP candidate Basavaraj Horatti is contesting, reported 84% polling, while the Karnataka North West Graduates constituency, where BJP's candidate Hanumanth Nirani, brother of senior Lingayat leader and Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani is defending his seat, reported the lowest turnout at 59%.

The North West Teachers constituency, which is witnessing a fierce battle between sitting legislator BJP's Arun Shahpur and senior Congress leader Prakash Hukkeri, reported a turnout of 80% and the Karnataka South Graduates constituency reported 70% turnout. Earlier in the day, polling began on a slow pace but picked up later.

The poll on Monday has been necessitated due to the retirement of members Basavaraj Horatti, K.T. Srikante Gowda, Arun Shahpur and Hanumanth R. Nirani, who are completing their term on July 4.

Mr. Horatti is seeking a record eighth successive term. The counting of votes will be taken up on Wednesday and results could be announced by afternoon.

Model code violation

In Belagavi, BJP MLA Anil Benake reportedly violated model code of conduct by entering a polling station and used his mobile phone to speak to his acquaintances. Belagavi Deputy Commissioner Nitesh Patil has said that a case would be filed on the receipt of complaint from polling officials.

Meanwhile, BJP MLA Abhay Patil and Mr. Shahpur have accused Congress leaders of trying to lure teachers by distributing money. In Dharwad, confusion prevailed for sometime outside a polling station after a police official asked BJP supporters to move away. Mr. Horatti, the BJP candidate had a word with the police, who justified their action saying that ECI guidelines were being followed.

Taking objection to certain instruction from the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Horatti sought to know who the Deputy Commissioner was in an objectionable manner.

Peaceful poll

Though the run-up to the elections saw a high decibel campaign with political leaders from all the three mainstream parties making a strong pitch for the victory of their respective candidates, the polling in Karnataka South Graduates constituency was by and large peaceful with an increased turnout of 70% this time when compared to 44% turnout recorded in 2016. The elections witnessed a triangular contest with Congress party's Madhu Made Gowda pitted against JD(S) candidate H.K. Ramu and BJP's M.V. Ravishankar. The presence of Prasanna Gowda, who is supported by KRRS and other like-minded organisations, besides Kannada protagonist Kannada Vatal Nagaraj in the fray had queered the electoral pitch.

Happy to see increasing number of women in armed forces: President

He inaugurates platinum jubilee celebrations of Rashtriya Military School

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

President Ram Nath Kovind, who is also the Supreme Commander of Defence forces, expressed happiness over the rising number of women in the country's armed forces.

"As the Supreme Commander, I am happy to see the rising number of women in the armed forces, including in combat roles," the president said, while inaugurating the platinum jubilee celebrations of Rashtriya Military School at Bengaluru.

"I am happy to note that, recently, Captain Abhilasha Barak became the first woman officer to join the Army Aviation Corps as a combat aviator. I am confident that the girl cadets, joining this prestigious school, will contribute to defending the nation and play their role in nation building," Mr. Kovind said, while expressing happiness over Rashtriya Military Schools across the country providing admissions to girl cadets from this academic year.

President Ram Nath Kovind, Chief Minister Basavraj Bommai, and Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot during the platinum jubilee celebrations of Rashtriya Military School in Bengaluru. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Women in NDA

Pointing out that starting this year, the gates of the National Defence Academy have also been opened for girls, he said, "Our daughters are breaking many glass ceilings and setting new records in various fields, making the country proud. When I travel to different universities and institutes across the country, I witness many instances of girls outshining boys."

Referring to the history of Rashtriya Military Schools, he said they were conceived with the aim of providing quality education to the wards of Army personnel. But later, the schools were opened to civilians.

National character

"I am happy to note that Rashtriya Military Schools are truly national in character. I am told that at present, cadets from 23 States are receiving education in this school. From Jammu & Kashmir to Kerala, the cadets here represent our unity in diversity. I am sure that this inter-mingling has helped the cadets to learn and appreciate the culture, language, and traditions of their fellow cadets," he said.

Showering rich praises on the Rashtriya Military School Bengaluru set up in 1946, he said the school had come a long way and was being acknowledged as one of the finest boarding schools in the country.

"The school can feel justifiably proud of its rich heritage. The alumni of this school have distinguished themselves," he said. "It must be a matter of pride for all of you that one of your distinguished alumni, Capt. Gurbachan Singh Salaria was given the nation's highest gallantry award, Param Vir Chakra, posthumously, for his courageous actions and making the supreme sacrifice during a UN operation in Congo," he said.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai were also present on the occasion.

High praise for State

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

President Ram Nath Kovind, who is on a two-day visit to Karnataka, observed that the State has emerged as a leading centre of modern education and technology.

"I am happy to note that Karnataka got the top rank among all the States in the latest India Innovation Index," the President said. "Bengaluru has emerged as a globally comparable centre of learning, technology and enterprise. I am told that in a recent report, Bengaluru figured among the top five venture-capital-funding-hubs across the world in 2021," he said.

On the State's contribution to military, he said that Indians will forever cherish the contribution of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa, the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of Army and one of the two Generals honoured with the rank of Field Marshal, the highest rank attainable in the Indian Army. "It was my privilege to inaugurate General Thimayya Museum, dedicated to another great son of Karnataka, at Madikeri last year," the President said.

C.M. Poonacha takes oath additional judge of HC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka got a new judge on Monday with 48-year-old C.M. Poonacha taking oath as an additional judge.

Born on April 6, 1974, Justice Poonacha completed his bachelors degree in law from the University Law College Bengaluru, and enrolled as an advocate in 1998. He gained initial experience in the field of law by working in his father C.M. Monnappa's law chamber before starting a law firm along with his like-minded friends. He had served as an advocate for various government entities, banks, insurance companies besides being empanelled with the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority.

Previous post

He was serving as an additional government advocate prior to his elevation as a judge.

Expressing solidarity

Congress workers led by Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar and Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah staging a protest against summoning of party leader Rahul Gandhi by the Enforcement Directorate in the National Herald case, in Bengaluru on Monday. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Hassan salutes the magic of Sayeed Hussain

He used his earnings to build a Shiva temple

SATHISH G.T.
HASSAN

Amidst controversies over places of worship, the people of Hassan fondly remember the late Sayeed Hussain, a street magician and musician, who built a Shiva temple at Gandhi Nagar in Hosakoplu.

A native of Kolar, Sayeed Hussain learnt the basics of magic from P.C. Sorcar at a young age. Like his father Sayeed Moulasab, a snake charmer, he went from place to place exhibiting his skills. Wherever he went, he would put up a makeshift tent for his family. Whenever he took a break from touring, he found Hassan to be an ideal place to stay.

The Shiva temple at Gandhi Nagar in Hosakoplu, on the outskirts of Hassan, after renovation. • SATHISH G.T.

His touring would take him to venues of festivals (*jatre*) and religious congregations where he would perform magic tricks and play music. At other times, he spent his days on the premises of Hotel Ashoka in Hassan, giving performances in front of tourists. Hundreds of people from different countries would stay in the hotel during their visit to the tourist attractions around Hassan, including Belur, Halebid and Shravanabelagola. After watching his performance, a few gave him letters of appreciation, including Abraham T. Kovoor of Sri Lanka Rationalist Association, Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa and renowned sitarist Pandit Ravi Shankar.

Hussain used a simple two-string bow instrument to play music and won many hearts with his performances. Karnataka Janapada and Yakshagana Academy honoured him with the State award in 1998, a year before he died at the age of 82.

For many years, his family lived in makeshift tents on the outskirts of the city. Like him, many nomadic families had put up tents. Hussain took leadership of the community and staged protests in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office in 1976 demanding plots.

Dhirendra Singh, then Deputy Commissioner of Hassan, agreed to fulfil the demand and allotted land near Hosakoplu. The locality was later named Gandhi Nagar.

Nagamma, a resident of Gandhi Nagar, says, "Hussain's was the first family to settle in our locality. He ensured that the locality got a borewell. Besides basic amenities for the locality, he put his own money to build a temple for us, with contributions from other people too. Earlier, it was a small structure, but now, it has been renovated."

M.S. Shekhar, Director of Gandhi Study Centre at Mysore University, has written a book *Janapada Jadugara* about the life and contribution of Sayeed Hussain. "This is the time to spread the story of Sayeed Hussain when some people are trying to divide people on the basis of religion," Mr. Shekhar told *The Hindu*.

A role model

Many activists and intellectuals remember Hussain's contributions to Hassan. Krishna Das, a leader of Dalit Sangharsha Samiti in Hassan, says, "Hussain's life is a perfect example of harmonious living."

Ayushman Bharat tech centre will come up in Bengaluru soon, says NHA CEO

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Bengaluru will soon house a technology centre for the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), announced R.S. Sharma, CEO of National Health Authority (NHA) on Monday.

Addressing presspersons on the sidelines of NHA-NASSCOM Conclave 2022 on "Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission - Revolutionizing Digital Health" here on Monday, Mr. Sharma said with the opening of the tech centre, ABDM will have its presence in Bengaluru.

Like UIDAI

Pointing out that the centre would be on the lines of UIDAI centre in Bengaluru, Mr. Sharma said many technology teams under ABDM are working from Bengaluru. "They will now be asked to work from this tech centre. This will give a larger push for ABDM and the State of Karnataka. It will basically be the State office of ABDM in Bengaluru," he said.

Key challenges

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

State Health Commissioner Randeep D., who chaired a panel discussion on 'Innovation and Digital Health Solutions', said some of the key problems that the Health Department faces include timely alerts on disease burden with geographic distribution, portability of records during referral and accessible and timely diagnosis. "We hope to address these issues through ABDM," he said.

State Health Commissioner Randeep D., who is also the State Mission Director for ABDM in Karnataka, said the centre will be located in Arogya Soudha.

"Officials from NHA will visit Arogya Soudha to see if the available place is suitable for the tech centre. Their tech team members, who are otherwise housed in Bengaluru as part of ABDM, will work from here. This gives a much larger push for ABDM and Karnataka," he said.

With 800 integrators and over 40 digital health service applications successfully integrated into it, ABDM aims to digitise healthcare delivery by building an equitable, accessible and inclusive ecosystem that rides on collaborative efforts of the government and private sector.

"India is standing at the forefront of digital revolution. The world has seen the success story of our country with the largest digital identity programme, record adoption of digital payments and more recently, a national vaccination programme via the CoWIN platform. The ABDM aims to replicate this success in healthcare delivery," said Mr. Sharma.

Speaking at the conclave, Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar said, "During our fight against COVID, we saw the importance of digital services for healthcare delivery. Under ABDM, everyone would be provided with a Health ID. Along with it, a comprehensive registry of all the doctors - from super-specialists to general physicians - will be collated. With this, the problem of quacks will also be eliminated."

म.प्र. राज्य सहकारी विपणन संघ मर्या.
जहांगीराबाद, भोपाल

क्र./वां/455/2022 भोपाल, दिनांक 13.06.2022

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Health Officer, Bommanahalli Zone,
Beguru Main Road, Bengaluru-560 068.

No: HO(BZ)/PR/11/2022-23 Date:13.06.2022

CANCELLATION OF TENDERS

Tenders published in this newspaper on 26.05.2022 vide Ref. Nos: 1) HO(B)/PR/06/2022-23 Dated: 24.05.2022 and 2) CHO (GH)/PR/62/2022-23 Dated:09.06.2022. These tenders called through e-procurement portal for Controlling of Mosquitoes in Bommanahalli Zone are cancelled due to technical reasons.

Sd/- Health Officer, Bommanahalli Zone.

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19. NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

Government of Karnataka
Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Davanagere

No.: EE:RDW&SD.:DVG/J.E.-1/J.E.-2/J.J.M./2022-23/223
Date: 10.06.2022

Short-Term e-ProcurementTender Notice

Tender is invited through E-Procurement for the works of Davanagere/Harihara/Honnali/Jagalur Taluk for Providing Functional Household tap connections under Jal Jeevan Mission scheme in One/Two cover system by the Executive Engineer, RDW & S Division Davanagere on behalf the Governor of Karnataka from registered Contractors in PWD and also registered in e-Portal cell Item rate tender as per standard bid documents KW only through e-Procurement in order to enahance the transparency in the tendering process and hence there will be no physical form of tender. Last date for submission of tenders on Dated:27.06.2022 till 5.00 PM. For further details can be obtained from this office Tel No:08192-262126 or through website http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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Pinarayi stalling gold scam probe: BJP

Kerala CM using State machinery, the party says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Monday stepped up its attack on Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan over the gold smuggling scam that has hit his government, alleging that Mr. Vijayan was using "all means to block the investigation", fearing that there was "a firm needle of suspicion pointing at him and his family".

Addressing a press conference, Union Ministers Rajeev Chandrasekhar and V. Muraleedharan alleged that Mr. Vijayan was using State machinery to obstruct the investigation.

Citing Mr. Vijayan's letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in July 2020, Mr. Chandrasekhar said the Chief Minister had termed the crime a serious one that warranted a thorough investigation and assured him full assistance of the State government. "From that day to today, he has done everything to block the investigation in this crime. He used the State police to road block the Central agencies who have experts in their field. Their statements were explosive and unprecedented". "It has firmly pointed the needle of suspicion to Mr. Vijayan and his family," he said.

Voice of dissent: The police using water cannons to disperse IUML protesters in Kochi on Monday. • PTI

Situation in Kerala

Last week, Ms. Suresh had alleged that Mr. Vijayan, his family members, besides some top bureaucrats, were involved in the case.

Discussing the situation in Kerala in the aftermath of the revelations, Mr. Muraleedharan accused the Chief Minister of being wary of the protests due to which he had banned black colour in the State. "From last week, what we are seeing in Kerala is unprecedented. The situation is that black colour is banned. This is the height of fascism," he said.

The NIA, the Enforcement Directorate and Customs department conducted separate probe into the racket that was busted with the seizure of gold worth ₹15 crore from a diplomatic baggage of the UAE Consulate at the Thiruvananthapuram airport on July 5, 2020. Several people, including M. Sivasankar, the former Principal Secretary to the CM, and another ex-employee of the UAE Consulate in Kerala, Sarith, were arrested in connection with the case.

CM faces protest on aircraft

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

On Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's flight to Thiruvananthapuram from Kannur on Monday, two Congress activists, one sporting a black shirt, allegedly staged a protest soon after it touched down at the State capital.

Videos captured on mobile phones by co-passengers showed LDF convener E.P. Jayarajan, who was on the same flight, preventing the protesters from moving towards Mr. Vijayan's seat.

One of the Congress workers fell on the cabin floor in the melee. Later, the police detained the duo.

Meanwhile, Mr. Vijayan alighted at the airport under a tight security cover.

Inter-caste couple killed near Kumbakonam

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THANJAVUR

An inter-caste couple, who had married five days ago in Chennai against the wishes of their families, was murdered by the woman's brother and relative at Thulukkaveli, Cholapuram, near Kumbakonam, on Monday.

According to police, the victims, Mohan, 31, hailing from Ponnur in Tiruvannamalai district, and Saranya, 22, of Thulukkaveli, a nursing graduate, had fallen in love while working at a private hospital in Chennai. While Mohan belonged to the Most Backward Community, Saranya belonged to the Scheduled Caste.

Saranya's family had refused to get her married to Mohan and insisted on finding a groom from their own community. Despite the opposition, the couple married in Chennai last week.

The police said upon learning of the wedding, Saranya's brother, Sakthivel, 31, had pretended to reconcile with the couple and invited them to his house.

The unsuspecting couple arrived at Thulukkaveli on Monday, and when they were about to enter the house, Sakthivel and one of his relatives, Ranjith of Devanancheri, allegedly attacked them with weapons, killing the couple on the spot.

The Cholapuram police arrived at the spot and sent the bodies to the Government District Headquarters Hospital, Kumbakonam for a post-mortem.

The police have registered a case and are on the lookout for Sakthivel and Ranjith.

Swapna Suresh moves Kerala HC to quash criminal case

Revelation of statement in public not illegal, she contends

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

Swapna Suresh, an accused in the gold smuggling case, on Monday approached the Kerala High Court seeking to quash the case registered against her based on a complaint by MLA K.T. Jaleel.

The complaint is that she had conspired with some others and given a false statement before the Magistrate Court in a case pending before the Principal District Sessions Court, Ernakulam, and spread false news to the media, tarnishing the image of the CM, the State government and Mr. Jaleel.

Swapna Suresh

She contended that the revelation of some of the contents of her statement in public was not an illegal act. Once the affidavit formed part of the record of the Sessions Court case, it was a public document and therefore, there was absolutely no secrecy in the contents of the affidavit. Therefore, she had not done any illegal acts.

Shaj Kiran, who allegedly acted as an interlocutor and asked Swapna to withdraw her statement, also filed an anticipatory bail plea fearing arrest in "an unknown case" registered by the police. He said he was entrapped as part of a larger conspiracy by publishing the audio clip of a friendly conversation between him and Swapna.

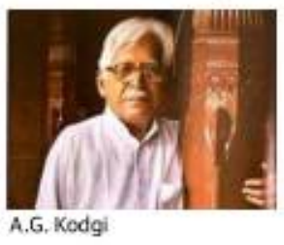
A.G. Kodgi passes away

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

Senior politician and Chairperson of 3rd State Finance Commission Amasebailu Gopalakrishna Kodgi (A.G. Kodgi) passed away at a private hospital in Udupi on Monday. He was 92.

Mr. Kodgi was admitted to the hospital after he tested positive for dengue. He also had age-related illness. He was under ventilator support for couple of days.

Son of freedom fighter Krishnaraya Kodgi, Mr. A.G. Kodgi was widely known for his work in improving finances for panchayats as a Chairman of 3rd Finance Commission in 2006 and as Chairman of Task Force for Implementation of 3rd Finance Commission recommendation.



A.G. Kodgi

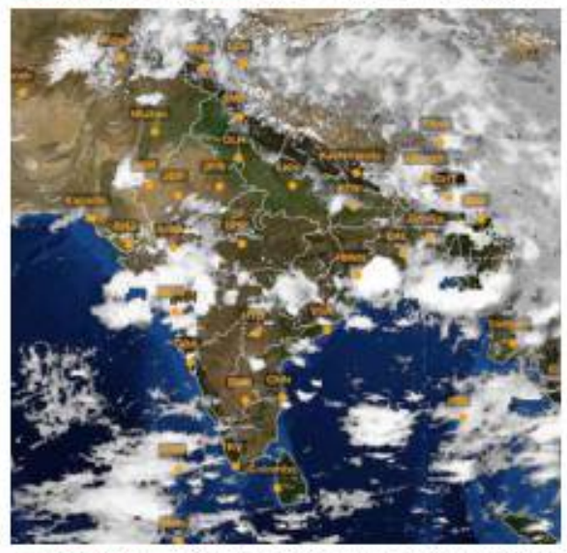
The last rites will be performed at his house in Amasebailu on Tuesday.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has expressed grief over the death of Mr. Kodgi.

"Mr. Kodgi, who started his public life as a member of Taluk Board was later elected to the State Assembly from Byndoor constituency. The credit for grooming many young leaders in the coastal region should go to him," Mr. Bommai said in his condolence message.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Odisha, central Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.6	33.9	27.7	Kozhikode	58	33.0	23.8
Ahmedabad	8	34.7	26.0	Kurnool	0.1	35.9	26.7
Aizawl	–	26.8	23.8	Lucknow	–	43.2	30.5
Allahabad	–	45.1	30.6	Madurai	–	37.7	25.1
Bengaluru	–	29.5	20.6	Mangaluru	11.7	30.2	22.5
Bhopal	–	38.7	26.0	Mumbai	–	34.4	26.6
Bhubaneswar	–	38.6	26.1	Mysuru	–	–	21.0
Chandigarh	–	44.6	30.6	New Delhi	–	43.7	31.6
Chennai	–	37.3	28.0	Patna	–	41.5	25.6
Coimbatore	–	34.8	22.2	Port Blair	0.4	32.7	24.7
Dehradun	–	41.3	25.3	Puducherry	–	35.1	26.0
Gangtok	–	23.2	16.5	Pune	–	35.0	24.5
Goa	0.5	31.0	22.2	Raipur	–	39.2	27.6
Guwahati	31	27.9	23.0	Ranchi	–	37.5	27.7
Hubballi	–	29.0	22.0	Shillong	37	21.1	16.0
Hyderabad	–	37.8	25.7	Shimla	–	34.0	23.2
Imphal	–	28.4	22.8	Srinagar	–	29.5	15.8
Jaipur	–	37.0	31.7	Thiruvananthapuram	2	32.2	23.7
Kochi	2	31.8	24.4	Tiruchi	–	38.1	26.0
Kohima	4	24.0	15.4	Vijayawada	8	38.8	26.0
Kolkata	–	36.9	29.0	Visakhapatnam	–	33.8	27.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO2	NO2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	11	12	–	139	96	
Bengaluru	27	–	15	89	93	
Chennai	19	13	44	51	62	
Delhi	12	99	72	164	266	
Hyderabad	34	22	69	34	86	
Kolkata	13	13	20	51	22	
Lucknow	7	88	51	333	257	
Mumbai	52	31	39	20	34	
Pune	120	55	114	62	50	
Visakhapatnam	15	45	18	45	74	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Ambala, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 339 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Gummidipoondi, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 19

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

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No. EEE/BMWND/AEE-2/AE-2/2022-23/1203-04 Dt. 13.06.2022

PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE

The work of conversion of 66kV M1-M2 & B1-B2 Overhead transmission line by 66KV, 1000Sq.mm EHT XLPE UG Cable from 220/66kV NRS Station to 66/11kV REMCO Sub-station via 66/11kV Vijayanagar and Chandra layout Sub-stations was completed on **09.06.2022**. As per the scope of work, the dismantling of 66kV M1-M2 & B1-B2 Overhead transmission line which is passing over residential buildings, commercial buildings, parks in the areas of Basaveshwaranagar, Govindarajnagara, Subbanna garden, Chandra layout, Gangondanahalli and Nayandanahalli will be taken up from **15.06.2022**. In this regard, the general public and pedestrians are required to be cautious and co-operate for completion of the dismantling work.

Further, any untoward incidents or accidents which may occur during the course of execution of the work, **the KPTCL will not be held responsible.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer Elec.
BMWND, KPTCL, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-09

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION & G.W.D DIVISION, TUMKUR

Ref No. 03/2022-23 KW- 2,3 & 4 (SINGLE COVER SYSTEM & TWO COVER SYSTEM) "E" PROCUREMENT DT. 09.06.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION Dated: 09.06.2022

On behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of State of Karnataka, as per K.T.P.P act with latest amendments, Item wise "e"-procurement tenders are invited for the works mentioned under H/A : 4702-SDP, 4702-SCP, 4702-A&P and 4711-Pravaha from the elgible contractors of suitable category registered under KPWD/ MI. Tender publishing details are as given below.

1. Tender will be published through e-procurement on: Dated: **13.06.2022**. 2. Last date of queries on Dated: **16.06.2022** at 11.30 Hours. 3. Last date for Receipt of completed tenders through e-procurement portal may be uploaded before 17.00 Hours on Dated: **23.06.2022** 4. Technical Bid will be opened on Dated: **24.06.2022** at 17.05 Hours. 5. Financial Bid will be opened on Dated: **25.06.2022** at 17.10 Hours.

For further details, visit e-procurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or from the office undersigned, on working days. If the office happens to be closed on dates above as specified, the next working day at the same time and venue will be considered.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, M.I & G.W.D Division, Tumkur

DIPR/TUM/197/MCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(VARAHI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Platform)

Tenders in Two Parts (pre-bid qualification and price bid) are invited for the following works: 1) **KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12283/CALL-2 Dt: 07.06.2022** Supply, Erection, testing and commissioning One No. of 20HP/15KW, 33.5 CFM free air compressor along with soft starter at an Estimated cost of **Rs. 9,17,450/-** (inclusive of GST). EMD: **Rs. 22,950/-. 2) KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12303/ CALL-2 Dt: 13.06.2022** Supply, installation and commissioning of 2 Nos. of 40 HP Open well vertical submersible pump set. EMD: **Rs. 20,450/-**. Last date for online submission of completed bids: For Sl. No. 1: **18.06.2022 upto 17.30 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 2: **28.06.2022 upto 17.30 Hrs.** The details of tender documents can be seen on website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (O&M), Mani**, KPCL, Masthikatte - 577425, Shivamogga(D), Karnataka Ph: 08185-265222, Mobile: 9449588851. E-mail: eeomkpcl@gmail.com during office hours.

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Kolar

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 03/2022-23, dated: 09.06.2022

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department invites tender for the scheme of Jal Jeevan Mission (Functional household tap connection) 2021-22 of Malur & Mulbagal Taluk, Kolar District. Item rate tenders by two cover system through e-procurement portal. Those who have registered in PWD/CPWD (Government of Karnataka) are eligible in participation of tendering for more details visit website: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for online submission of Bid is **23.06.2022 upto 17.30 hours.**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
RDW&S Division, Kolar

DIPR/Kolar/R.O. No.140/MC&A/2022-23

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BEFORE THE 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL, BANGALORE, (CCH- 22)

P & S.C. No.2503S/2022 Hg: 23/06/2022

PETITIONER:-
MR.GLENN A. WEBBER, aged 85 years, son of the late Duncan Webber, presently residing at premises bearing No.10, Nandidurga Road, Benson Town Post, Bangalore-560046, represented herein by his biological sister RAMONA WEBBER, Aged 65 years daughter of late Duncan Webber, presently residing at #001 Dennison Apartments No.12, Hall Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore-560 005, duly authorised vide a Special Power of Attorney duly executed and attested at Kirk Ella, East Yorkshire, United Kingdom, and accepted in Bengaluru, India on 20/04/2022.

-Versus-

RESPONDENT/S:-
(1) MS CHERYL MATTHEWS (nee) Webber, aged 52 years, daughter of Glenn A. Webber, and former wife of Matthews, presently residing at #8035 Carter Lane, Alpharetta, Georgia-30009 United States of America, and
(2) Ms KAREN LAWSON (nee) Webber, aged 47 years, daughter of Glenn A. Webber, and wife of David Lawson, presently residing at Cheviot Cottage, Enholmes Lane, Patrington, Hull, England-HU12 0PR, United Kingdom.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been made to this Court under **Part IX, Chapter IV, Sections 210 and 278 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925**, for grant of Letters of Administration to the Estate of the deceased **Barbara Webber (nee) Moore**, who was residing at No.10, Nandidurga Road, Benson Town Post, Bengaluru-560 046, Who died intestate on 06-05-2002.

Be it known that No Caveat has been entered and the said petition is posted for hearing on **23/06/2022** at 11 'O' Clock. Any persons claiming to have any interest may come and participate in the proceedings before grant of Letters of Administration to the Estate of the late **Barbara Webber (nee) Moore** is made.

ANNEXURE "A"

VALUATION OF THE MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTY OF DECEASED

		Rs. P.
I.	**MOVABLE PROPERTY CONSISTING OF**	
	i) **Cash in hand :**	Rs. 500/-
	ii) **Cash in the Bank:**	NIL
	iii) **Household goods wearing apparel, books, plates, jewels etc (approximately)**	Rs.15,000/-,
	SUB TOTAL:	Rs. 15,500/-
II.	**PROPERTY IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES TRANSFERABLE AT PUBLIC DEBT OFFICE**	Nil
III.	**IMMOVABLE PROPERTY** One half undivided share, right, title, interest and claim in all that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.10, Nandidurga Road, Benson Town, Bengaluru-560 046, State of Karnataka, India, bounded as follows:- **ON THE EAST** : Boundary measuring 60 feet 3 inches or 18.36 metres and Nandidurga Road, **ON THE WEST**: Boundary measuring 60 feet or 18.29 metres and property No.9, Nandidurga Road, **ON THE NORTH**: Boundary measuring 65 feet or 19.82 metres and property No.11, Nandidurga Road, and **ON THE SOUTH** : Boundary measuring 75 feet or 22.86 metres and adjacent Common Road measuring 180 feet or 54.86 metres X 25 feet or 7.62 metres forfree use of the property No.10, Nandidurga Road, with a double storeyed premises thereon with a Built Extent of 4000 square feet or 371.74 square metres and the plot being 4200 square feet or 356.22 square metres.	Rs. 4,20,00,000/-
IV.	LEASEHOLD PROPERTY	NIL
V.	PROPERTY IN PUBLIC COMPANIES	NIL
VI.	POLICIES OF INSURANCE UPON LIFE, MONEY OUT ON MORTGAGE AND OTHER SECURITIES, SUCH AS BONDS, BILLS, AND OTHER SECURITIES FOR MONEY	NIL
VII.	DEBTS	NIL
VIII.	STOCK IN TRADE	NIL
IX.	OTHER PROPERTY COMPRISED UNDER THE FORGOING HEADS	NIL
	TOTAL	Rs. 4,20,15,500/-
	LESS Deduct items shown in Annexure "B" in manner provided in Sub Section (2) of Section 53	Rs. 1,00,000/-
	NET VALUE OF ESTATE	Rs.4,19,15,500/-

ANNEXURE B - SCHEDULE OF DEBTS

I.	Amount of debts due and owing from the deceased, legally payable out of the estate	NIL
II.	Amount of expenses connected with medical treatment to the deceased during his death bed illness, funeral rites and ceremonies.	Rs. 1,00,000/-
III.	Amount of mortgage encumbrances	NIL
IV.	Property held in trust not beneficially or with general power to confer a beneficial interest	NIL
V.	Other property not subject to duty	NIL
	TOTAL	Rs.1,00,000/-

Advocate for Petitioner
M/s Rego & Rego
N-509, Manipal Centre, 47/3,
Dickenson Road, Bangalore-560 042.
Ph No. 9845004670

By Order of Court
Sd/-
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayo Hall Unit
Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMPANY PETITION. C.P.(CAA)(ST) 230-233/NCLT/BB/OF 2022
AND
PETITION UNDER SECTION 230-233 OF COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
Companies (Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016
AND
FOR CONFIRMING THE SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT
AND
IN THE MATTER OF

1. **NATRAJ TRADERS PRIVATE LIMITED** (CIN:U51109KA2007PTC105269) having registered office at 3rd Floor, 729- Ground Floor, 10th Main Opp. MES School, 4thBlock, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560011 IN AND IN THE MATTER OF:
2. **BLOW TRADELINK PRIVATE LIMITED** (CIN:U51909WB2010PTC148867), registered office at, Flat No. 308, 3rd Floor 25, Blackburn Lane, Kolkata, West Bengal - 700012 AND IN THE MATTER OF:
3. **BRILLIANT PLAZA PRIVATE LIMITED** (CIN :U74140WB2010PTC141497), registered office at, , Flat No. 308, 3rd Floor 25, Blackburn Lane, Kolkata, West Bengal 700012 AND IN THE MATTER OF:
4. **SUGANDH RESIDENCY PRIVATE LIMITED** (CIN U74140WB2010PTC141498), registered office at, Flat No. 308, 3rd Floor 25, Blackburn Lane, Kolkata, West Bengal 700012 :

AND IN THE MATTER OF
NATRAJ TRADERS PRIVATE LIMITED
(CIN U51109KA2007PTC105269) - Petitioner

Notice may be taken that a Company petition having No. C.P.(CAA) **38/ 230-233/NCLT/BB/OF 2022** under section 230 to 233 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016 was presented before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Bengaluru Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal having office at 12th Floor, Corporate Bhawan, Raheja Tower, M.G. Road, Bengalore, Karnataka PIN– 560001 (The Bench).

The Hon'ble NCLT vide its order dated 5th May 2022 in connection with the Company petition having No. C.P.(CAA) **38/ 230-233/NCLT/BB/OF 2022** under section 230 to 233 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016 relating to the Scheme of Amalgamation is between/amongst M/s. BLOW TRADELINK PRIVATE LIMITED(CIN:U51909WB2010PTC148867), M/s. BRILLIANT PLAZA PRIVATE LIMITED (U74140WB2010PTC141497) and M/s. SUGANDHI RESIDENCY PRIVATE LIMITED (CIN U74140WB2010PTC141498) the Transferor Companies with, the Transferee Company M/s. NATRAJ TRADERS PRIVATE LIMITED (CIN U51109KA2007PTC105269) whereby and where under the entire undertakings of the Transferor Companies as a going concern together with all the assets and liabilities relating thereto is proposed to be transferred to and be vested in the Transferee Company on the terms and conditions and in the manner as fully stated in the Scheme of Arrangement listed for hearing on 30th June 2022.

If any creditor, shareholder or any stakeholders of the company has/have any representation/objection/say to the above company petition connected with the proposed compromise and/ or arrangement and desired to be heard can file your representation before the National Company Law Tribunal at 12th Floor, Corporate Bhawan, Raheja Tower, M.G. Road, Bengalore, Karnataka PIN– 560001 and simultaneously a copy of the same to be delivered to the Petitioner **M/s. NATRAJ TRADERS PRIVATE LIMITED** (CIN U51109KA2007PTC105269) having Registered office at 3rd Floor, 729- Ground Floor, 10th Main Opp. MES School, 4thBlock, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560011 at least 15-days before the date fixed for hearing i.e. on 30th June 2022.

In case no representation is received within the stated period, it shall be presumed that you have no representation/say/objection to make on the proposed scheme of compromise or arrangement.

For NATRAJ TRADERS PRIVATE LIMITED
(CIN: U51109KA2007PTC105269)
(Petitioner)
Director\Authorized Signatory

Dated this 30th day of May 2022
Place: Bengaluru

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

No: BDA/EE(Ele)/127/2022-23 Date: 10.06.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

SHORT-TERM UNDER 2 COVER SYSTEM

Tender for the following services are invited by the undersigned for the mentioned below.

(1) Tender Notification No: BDA/EE(Elec)/T-123/2022-23 Dated: 13.06.2022. **Name of the work:** Providing Security arrangement for watch & ward of electrical power supply distribution system Blocks 1 to 11th of Anjanapura Layout, BDA, Bengaluru for the year 2022-23. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 48.83 lakhs.** Tender EMD: **Rs. 97,660/-.**

(2) Tender Notification No: BDA/EE(Elec)/T-124/2022-23 Dated: 13.06.2022. **Name of the work:** Providing Security arrangement for watch & ward of electrical power supply distribution system various Blocks of J.P.Nagar 8th & 9th Phase Layout, BDA, Bengaluru for the year 2022-23. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 25.50 lakhs.** Tender EMD: **Rs. 51,000/-.**

(3) Tender Notification No: BDA/EE(Elec)/T-125/2022-23 Dated: 13.06.2022. **Name of the work:** Providing Security arrangement for watch & ward of electrical power supply distribution system 1 to 9th Blocks of Sri.M.V. Layout, BDA, Bengaluru for the year 2022-23. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 44.66 lakhs.** Tender EMD: **Rs. 89,500/-.**

(4) Tender Notification No: BDA/EE(Elec)/T-126/2022-23 Dated: 13.06.2022. **Name of the work:** Providing Security arrangement for watch & ward of electrical power supply distribution system various Blocks of BSK 6th stage & F.E., BDA, Bengaluru for the year 2022-23. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 46.54 lakhs.** Tender EMD: **Rs. 93,500/-.**

Calender of Events:- (1) Bid documents available from: **13.06.2022. (2)** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **28.06.2022, 17.00 hrs. (3)** Date & time of opening technical bids: **30.06.2022, 17.00 hrs. (4)** Date & time of opening financial bids: **05.07.2022, 17.00 hrs.**

For more details: Please refer e-Procurement portal from the website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact at office of the Executive Engineer (Elec), BDA, T.Chowdaiah Road, Kumarapark West, Bengaluru. Contact No: +919845630164.

BDA/PRO/TN/04/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele).**

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMPANY PETITION. C.P.|CAA|37/ 230-233/NCLT/BB/OF 2022
AND
PETITION UNDER SECTION 230-233 OF COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
Companies (Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016
AND
FOR CONFIRMING THE SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT
AND
IN THE MATTER OF

1. **INDOSTAR GRANITES PRIVATE LIMITED** (CIN : U14200KA2010PTC055738) – Transferee Company having registered office at No. 43, Kilari Road Avenue Road Cross Bangalore KA 560053 IN AND IN THE MATTER OF:
2. **GOODWILL MANAGEMENT PRIVATE LIMITED** (CIN:U74140KA2005PTC105270) Transferor Company -1 having its registered office at No. 43, Kilari Road Bangalore Bangalore KA560053 IN AND IN THE MATTER OF:
3. **MAHAKAYA TRADING AND FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED** (CIN:U51909KA1997PTC101035) Transferor Company -2, having registered office at No. 43, Kilari Road, Bangalore KA560053 IN AND IN THE MATTER OF:
4. **PRAMOD ENTERPRISE PRIVATE LIMITED** (CIN:U51909KA1984PTC006518) Transferor Company -3 having registered office at No. 44, M. K. Temple Street, Bangalore KA 560005 IN within the aforesaid jurisdiction. AND IN THE MATTER OF:
5. **VISHIST TRADING AND FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED** (CIN : U51909KA1997PTC102971) Transferor Company - 3, having registered office at No. 43, Kilari Road, Bangalore - KA 560053

.....Petitioner Companies

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For INDOSTAR GRANITES PRIVATE LIMITED
(Petitioner)
(CIN: U14200KA2010PTC055738)
Director\Authorized Signatory

Dated this 30th day of May 2022
Place: Bengaluru

Beyond the numbers

The Rajya Sabha polls brought out internal dissension in both the BJP and the Congress

Elections for 57 Rajya Sabha seats in the latest round that concluded on June 10 provide notable signals about the political winds in several States. Forty-one seats had single candidates who were elected unopposed from 11 States, while contests for 16 in four States – Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Rajasthan – were eventful, and accompanied by charges of horse-trading, sabotage, and misuse of power by incumbents at the Centre and State. The BJP's continued emphasis on backward classes and weaker sections was evident in its selection of candidates – reflected in at least half of the 22 new members the party brings into the Rajya Sabha. Three Muslim BJP MPs who have their terms ending in July were not renominated, and the ruling party will not have a single Parliament member from the community now. The Congress, on the other hand, continued to be tone deaf to the clamour for increased representation by weaker sections – eight of its 10 candidates were from dominant communities. The party pointedly lost the first opportunity to demonstrate that its Udaipur declaration that promised reforms in the party such as the 'one family, one person' principle in allotting tickets was indeed a serious effort.

The BJP's manoeuvring capacity yielded good results in Maharashtra and Haryana but in Rajasthan, it had to eat humble pie, losing an MLA to the Congress camp. In Karnataka, the elections saw the Congress distancing itself from the JD(S), trying to emerge as the singular opposition to the ruling BJP ahead of the Assembly election next year. The new situation makes the possibility of an alliance distant, if not impossible. The BJP's show of strength in Maharashtra has upset the calculations of the ruling tripartite Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), and threatens its government. In 2019, the strength of the MVA, comprising the Shiv Sena, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and Congress along with a few independents and smaller parties, stood at 169, comfortably above the halfway mark of 145. Two-and-half-years later, the BJP secured 123 votes in the Rajya Sabha elections, while the MVA's tally came down to 161 votes. Two NCP MLAs were in jail and could not vote, one Sena vote was declared invalid; one Sena MLA had died a month ago. Though the MVA government faces no immediate danger, the shift of at least 10 votes to the BJP has brought it closer to the majority mark amid murmurs of discontent within the three parties. Fresh talk of welcoming 'disgruntled' and 'dissatisfied' MLAs could well be possible in the coming days. Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot and Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel have reinforced their positions within the Congress amid demands for their exit. In Haryana, the loss of one winnable seat due to internal feuding shows the inability of the Congress high command to enforce discipline.

Choosing sides

As the U.S. and China intensify their rivalry, other countries are faced with hard choices

By speaking out last week on the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), two top American officials have sent a clear message that Washington views the on-going India-China border tensions as part of the broader geopolitical contest underway in the region. On a visit to New Delhi, General Charles A. Flynn, Commander of the U.S. Army Pacific, described the level of Chinese activity in Eastern Ladakh as "eye-opening" and questioned its intentions. Then, at the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, the region's most high-profile security event, U.S. Secretary of Defence Lloyd J. Austin said Beijing was continuing to "harden its position" along the border. He drew a connection between China's fishing activities in the East China Sea, the placing of advanced weaponry on man-made islands in the South China Sea, and its LAC actions as part of a "coercive and aggressive approach" to territorial claims. He underlined that the Biden administration saw the Indo-Pacific as its "priority theatre of operations" and at the "heart of American grand strategy". The LAC comment predictably led to China's Foreign Ministry accusing the U.S. of "adding fuel to the fire".

June 15, 2022, will mark the second anniversary of the violent Galwan Valley clash, which also marked the lowest point in bilateral relations in many decades. Leaving aside the curious detail that American officials have recently had more to say publicly than their Indian counterparts about the as-yet-unresolved crisis, there appears to be little prospect of an imminent resolution after two years and 15 rounds of talks. At the Shangri-La Dialogue, to which New Delhi puzzlingly did not send high-level political representation, the Chinese Defence Minister, Gen. Wei Fenghe, alleged it was India that "sent people to the Chinese side of the territory". He did add that both sides were working on maintaining good relations, but with India and China continuing to fortify forward areas, a full de-escalation remains increasingly unlikely. By highlighting the border, the U.S. appears to be making its case to the region that its allies and partners need to band together to restrain China's behaviour. New Delhi, for its part, will likely face ever greater expectations to take a stand on China's actions, beyond the bilateral domain. India, so far, is the only one among the four Quad countries to refrain from taking public positions on issues such as Taiwan and Hong Kong. Beijing, meanwhile, is pointing to the U.S. and the Quad as destabilising forces, viewing the Quad as a nascent "Asian NATO", a label that its members reject. New Delhi might like to say it has already chosen its side in this geopolitical tussle – that is, its own. But the reality is that countries are likely to face increasingly hard choices as they navigate an intensifying rivalry between the world's two biggest powers.

Tackling the crisis of rising global food prices

Analysis shows factors outside agriculture to be responsible, with lessons for the world and in food system management

RAMESH CHAND

Global food prices are characterised by year-to-year volatility and periodic sharp spikes. While year-to-year volatility is easily managed by most countries through changes in their trade and domestic policies, it is steep and severe periodic price shocks that can lead to some sort of a crisis at the global and national levels. The crisis can emerge in the form of food shortages, trade disruptions, a rise and spread in hunger and poverty levels, a depletion of foreign exchange reserves for net food importing countries, a strain on a nation's fiscal resources due to an increase in spending on food safety nets, a threat to peace, and even social unrest in some places. Because of these widespread ramifications of food price shocks, it becomes imperative to understand the real causes of such shocks and devise effective mechanisms to deal with them.

Crises and history

Historical data on food prices compiled by international agencies such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Bank/International Monetary Fund show that since the onset and the adoption of Green Revolution technology in the early 1960s, the world has been struck thrice by food price crises. The first shock was experienced during 1973-76 when the food price index (based on prices in U.S. dollars) doubled in nominal terms and increased by one third in real terms compared to the pre-shock average of four years. This shock moved up the nominal prices of commodities (including food) into a new trajectory. However, for the next two decades, food prices in real terms followed a declining trend and were at their lowest around 2002. After this, nominal as well as the real prices of food began rising; this momentum built up to culminate in the next food price crisis of 2008, which was further intensified by 2011. While the price shock began softening after 2014, food prices did not move back to their pre-2006 level. The lull in global food prices stayed for a short duration, from 2015 to 2019, and food prices again began moving above the trend by the third quarter of 2020. This time the increase in the food price index happened very quickly and it turned out to be very big - it has taken the food price index to its historically highest level.

This increase in global food prices which manifested itself in the three food price crises since the 1960s offers some pertinent lessons for global food systems and the international community. All the three food price crises during 1973-1976, 2007-12, and the recent one which began towards the end of 2020 have one thing in common – they were triggered by factors outside agriculture. They were not caused by any serious shortfall in agriculture production. Second, the interval between two consecutive price shocks has narrowed down considerably and the severity of shock is turning stronger.

The recent spike

Let us return to the recent spike in food prices which has been triggered by supply disruptions due to COVID-19 and further aggravated by the Russia-Ukraine war. Some other important factors that have also contributed to a rise in food prices and the build-up of price shocks can be discerned from the trade patterns and composition of the usage of food commodities.

The current food price spike first began in vegetable oils and then expanded to cereals. The trade patterns of these commodities show that around 38% of the vegetable oil produced and consumed is globally traded. In the case of wheat, dependence on trade to meet global demand forms 25%, while only one tenth of rice output or consumption is traded. Trade dependence for maize is 16%. It is evident then that the effect of global trade disruption will be higher for commodities that are traded more and vice-versa.

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Another factor underlying the rising trend and spikes in food prices is the diversion of food for biofuel needs. The proportion of vegetable oil used for biodiesel increased from 1% in 2003 to 11% in 2011; it went up to more than 15% in 2021. This is further related to energy prices. When crude prices increase beyond a certain level it becomes economical to use oil-seeds and grains for biodiesel and ethanol, respectively. The second reason for the use of food crops for biofuel is the mandates to increase the share of renewable energy resources.

Food prices are also expected to go up in the current and next harvest season because of an increase in the prices of fertilizer and other agrochemicals. The international price of fertilizer has increased by 150% between April 2021 and April 2022. The international price of a bag of urea (50 kg) has increased from less than ₹1,000 to more than ₹3,000 in the last 15 months.

Implications for India

Export and import in the agriculture sector constituted 13% of gross value added in agriculture during 2020-21. Therefore, some transmission of an increase in global prices on domestic prices is inevitable. (Transmission of international prices to domestic prices can be prevented only if there is no trade.) This transmission of global prices to the domestic market can be moderated through trade policy and other instruments. This is precisely what India has been doing to balance the interests of producers and consumers and in protecting the economy against excessive volatility in international prices. When international prices go too low, India has checks on cheap imports to protect the interests of producers; and when international prices go too high, the country liberalises imports and imposes checks on exports to ensure adequate availability and reasonable food prices for domestic consumers. The policy of having a buffer stock of food staples has also been very helpful in maintaining price stability especially in the wake of global food crises.

The importance of agriculture exports to mop up food and agriculture surplus from the country is increasing. Ongoing trends in domestic demand and supply imply that India will be required to dispose of 15% of its domestic food output in the overseas market by 2030. This is more than double the current ratio of export to output. This underscores the need to maintain India's image as a reliable and credible exporter. However, it is important to differentiate between the two situations: disturbing normal export and regulating exports exceeding the normal level.

Wheat export restrictions

The recent ban on wheat exports and restrictions on the export of other food commodities by India need to be seen in the light of an abnormal situation created by spikes in international prices. Some experts see it as a setback to India's image as a reliable exporter as this move is seen to disrupt (regular) export channels. A closer examination of data reveals that India's action to ban or restrict food exports is not disrupting its normal exports. India was a very small exporter of wheat, with its share in global wheat trade ranging between 0.1% to 1% during 2015-16 to 2020-21. Despite the ban, the export of wheat this year will be much higher than the average wheat export from India in recent years.

The international market is looking for around 50 million tonnes of wheat to compensate for the disruption in wheat exports from Russia and Ukraine. This is close to half the wheat production in the country and more than two-thirds of the wheat that comes to the market. If India had not imposed a ban on wheat export, it would have resulted in a severe shortage of wheat within the country. No responsible country would jeopardise its own food security by allowing excess exports.

India should continue with a policy of strategic liberalisation, as followed in the past, to balance the interests of producers and consumers. The policy of buffer stock has also been very helpful in maintaining price stability in the face of global price shocks.

Global impact

The Green Revolution technology which spread in developing countries from the 1970s to the 1990s helped in keeping food prices low and relatively stable. As the steam of Green Revolution technology slowed down with the start of the 21st century, food prices began increasing in real terms. At the same time, the resilience of the food sector against price shocks has also weakened.

The world requires new breakthroughs such as Green Revolution technology, for large-scale adoption in order to enable checks on food prices rising at a faster rate. This in turn requires increased spending on agriculture research and development (especially by the public sector and multilateral development agencies). There is a need to strengthen and rejuvenate the global agri-research system under the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) which is heading towards disarray.

Biofuel protocols have contributed to the global food crisis for the second time in the last 15 years. Diversion of land under food crops and food output for biofuel should be carefully calibrated with implications for food availability. In most cases it requires serious rethink.

The last three food price crises were primarily caused due to an increase in energy prices and disruptions in the movement of food across borders. Factors related to climate change are going to be an additional source of supply shocks in the years ahead. Therefore, the global community must plan to have a global buffer stock of food in order to ensure reasonable stability in food prices and supply.

The situation requires coordinated and timely action by the global community.

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The influenza pandemic and 'nations within a nation'

Disease outbreaks can cause unanticipated and disruptive changes, affecting the business environment and policy

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Few questions in business and public policy are as complex as the question of how to save lives. Lives matter, not only of those who are fortunate to live in more developed regions, but also of those who live in less developed regions. Many governments around the world struggle to address the problem of inequity in access to life-saving products such as vaccines. The struggle becomes even more complex when there is a sudden increase in demand for such life-saving products, for example, during a pandemic. When there is a sudden increase in demand for life-saving products (e.g., flu vaccines during the 2009-10 H1N1 pandemic), how do firms respond across the more versus less developed regions within a nation? Why might foreign incumbents and rival domestic firms respond differently?

To answer such intricate questions, it is crucial to first understand the sources of competitive advantage under normal conditions, i.e., in the absence of the pandemic. Product demand is central to the development of capabilities and the resources of firms as it incentivises their engagement in the high-fixed-cost research and development activities required to produce life-saving products such as vaccines. Typically, in developing economies, relatively muted demand for prophylactic products (i.e., products for which consumer pays now for some uncertain benefits in future) due to lower disposable income and present bias serves as a disincentive for domestic firms as they fear they may not sell enough vaccines at a price sufficient to recover their costs. In contrast, large foreign multinationals (henceforth MNEs) originating from developed economies can still generate additional economic returns by selling their products in developing economies so long as they can recover the variable costs of their products. Therefore, ceteris paribus, greater demand for prophylactic products in developed economies relative to developing economies enable MNEs from developed economies to become dominant incumbents in prophylactic product markets in developing economies.

Outbreaks and impact

However, sudden disease outbreaks can bring unanticipated changes in the business environment that could give rise to within-country spatial heterogeneity in business opportunities and challenges for MNEs and domestic firms. It is not straightforward to predict how these different kinds of firms will strategically respond to such changes. On the one hand, incumbent MNEs may be in a better position to leverage their global scale and reinforce their market dominance across regions within a nation.

On the other hand, however, MNEs may face greater opportunity costs in serving the underdeveloped regions under a condition when there is a spike in global demand. Not only capacity constraints but also opportunity costs of different kinds of firms may limit the extent to which additional product supplies can be distributed across various regions in response to the sudden increase in pandemic-induced demand. Therefore, in a recent paper (Adbi, Chatterjee, Mishra, 2022; https://bit.ly/39rIhPF) published in Management Science, we carefully investigate how MNEs and domestic firms respond in different local markets to a global demand shock.

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Vaccine market

Our research analytically leverages the 2009-10 H1N1 influenza pandemic as a source of a sudden increase in global demand for flu vaccines. In the wake of this demand increase, we examine how subnational heterogeneity in health-care infrastructure and political alignment between the federal/ central and regional governments in India influence the market share and revenues of MNEs and domestic firms in the influenza vaccine market relative to non-influenza vaccine markets.

We find strong evidence of a decline in the market share of MNEs in regions on an average. Intriguingly, however, the market share of MNEs fell much more in regions low in per capita public health expenditures and a lack of political alignment between federal-regional governments. It was not as if the revenues of MNEs decreased. The revenues of MNEs increased post pandemic, as one would expect should happen in the wake of a pandemic-induced sudden demand increase. The market entry of de alio domestic firms (that were selling other vaccines) was the core driver of the erosion of the market share of MNEs following the pandemic. Unlike domestic firms, foreign firms did not enter the influenza vaccine market or expand in underdeveloped regions.

The defining factors

In sum, our findings demonstrate that direct costs and opportunity costs are two defining features that can lead to heterogeneity across regions within a nation in the choice sets of foreign and domestic firms. Our findings directly speak to the tensions, which policymakers across several developing economies face; that is, the complex challenge of attracting foreign firms to supply vaccines while also seeking self-sufficiency in domestic vaccine production. The findings of our research enable identifying what type of regions within a nation may require additional policy support to attract different kinds of firms to deliver life-saving products. To encourage the capability development of domestic firms in markets with positive externalities (such as vaccines), policymakers can award advance market commitments to reduce demand uncertainty for firms.

We propose that making such awards contingent on distribution to underdeveloped regions could be a vital step toward incentivising managers of both foreign and domestic firms in considering the dual imperatives of innovation and inclusion.

Our findings also bring useful insights for transnational organisations (e.g., the World Health Organization, the Gates Foundation, GAVI). Typically, transnational organisations use the country's per capita income as the cut-off line to determine a country's eligibility to receive vaccine donations. While this criterion is a less controversial heuristic, an underdeveloped region within a nation, made worse by the lack of health infrastructure and the lack of political alignment between federal and regional governments, may deserve additional attention during pandemics. Given the subnational heterogeneity within large developing economies, rather than classifying an entire nation as ineligible for vaccine donations, recognising how different subnational regions may fare in health infrastructure and political alignment may lead to a more equitable allocation of supplies for managing the challenges stemming from competitive dynamics in the wake of a pandemic.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Project in Sri Lanka

The rapid rise of a certain business house in India, and in a short span of time, will always raise suspicions. The perception is that this is impossible without government support. Allegations are now being raised about a particular power project in Sri Lanka associated with this business group having gone through after the Indian Prime Minister's "pressure" on the Sri Lankan President (Page 1, June 13). Though the charge has been subsequently withdrawn, there will always be an element of doubt about the truth of the charge. One can expect stout denials from the ruling party in India and support for the Prime Minister from the entire ecosystem, but doubts will persist.

ANTHONY HENRIQUES, Mumbai

Flattened out

Are we living in a nation of democracy or dictatorship? The 'bulldozer culture' raises questions: is the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh the Chief Minister or is he the king of Uttar Pradesh, whose word is the law? Even if the house of the arrested political activist was an "illegal construction", the law should have taken its own course. The bulldozer culture is reminiscent of the terror reign of Idi Amin. There seems to be a new India where hate speech is 'achievement', protests are 'crimes' and bulldozing is 'justice'.

A. JAINULABDEEN, Chennai

Norms for endorsement

The Government tightening norms for endorsements is welcome (June 12). Endorsements should not become a mere money-making business or for gaining further popularity. The new norms will make endorsers more responsible, discerning and accountable.

C.G. KURIAKOSE, Malippara, Kothamangalam, Kerala

Environmental governance at centre stage

Indira Gandhi's insights have shaped global institutional response to climate change

JAIRAM RAMESH

Indira Gandhi giving her address at Stockholm on June 14, 1972. • UNITED NATIONS

It was the noted Pakistani economist, Tariq Banuri, who, in the run-up to the ill-fated Copenhagen Conference on Climate Change in December 2009, first pointed to me that the global environmental discourse has been shaped by four events. The first three were the publication of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* in 1962, Paul Ehrlich's *The Population Bomb* in 1968, and the Club of Rome's *The Limits to Growth* in early 1972. The fourth was Indira Gandhi's speech at the first-ever United Nations Conference on the Human Environment at Stockholm 50 years ago today. She was the only head of government to speak at that conclave (other than the host, Olof Palme). Her address, which looked at environmental issues from a development perspective and at developmental challenges from an ecological standpoint, has gone into history as a milestone.

A naturalist

Indira Gandhi had already established her credentials as a naturalist when she spoke at Stockholm. She had reactivated the Indian Board of Wildlife in July 1969 and had hosted the Tenth General Assembly of the International Union for Conservation of Nature five months later. She had started paying attention to protecting sanctuaries and in 1971, had deputed the famed ornithologist Salim Ali to Ramsar, the Caspian Sea site in Iran where the convention to protect wetlands was finalised. The National Committee on Environmental Planning and Coordination had been established under the stewardship of the redoubtable Pitambar Pant. She had launched India's first species conservation programme at Gir for the Asiatic Lion in January 1972 and had started preparations for Project Tiger, which came into being in April 1973. The Wildlife Protection Bill was ready to be enacted by Parliament and it became law in September 1972. Discussions with States to bring legislation to deal with water pollution had been initiated and this would materialise two years later when pollution control boards would also come into being.

A speech for all times

One line in that historic speech – perhaps her greatest and most quoted – continues to get attention. One version has her saying "Poverty is the greatest polluter". In another version, she is recalled as declaring "Poverty is the worst form of pollution". Actually, she said no such thing. The line in her speech added at the last minute reads, "Are not poverty and need the greatest polluters?" She said this to bring home to the West that developing countries like India have their own pressing challenges to raise the standard of living of millions of their citizens. She underscored the injustice and inequity in the fact that countries with a small fraction of the world's population consumed the bulk of the natural resources causing far greater environmental degradation than what countries like India were doing. Her speech was wide-ranging and dealt with the environmental effects of war as well, the ongoing conflict in Vietnam being uppermost in people's minds especially with the use of horrific chemical weapons. Quoting from the *Atharva Veda*, she ended by drawing attention to how ancient Indians had recognised the need for ecological balance: What of thee I dig out/Let that quickly grow over/Let me not hit thy vitals/Or thy heart.

The many themes covered in Indira Gandhi's speech, including the need for international cooperation, became very much part of the Stockholm Declaration issued two days later. They were also to provide intellectual ammunition for developing countries during the discussions and negotiations at the famed Rio Earth Summit in 1992 that resulted in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the UN Convention on Biological Diversity. Thus, while many speeches of political leaders are of the times in which they live and work, Indira Gandhi's Stockholm speech has continued to resonate across the globe. For instance, it was widely commented upon in the months prior to the Paris Summit of December 2015.

Immediately following her speech, Indira Gandhi and Norman Borlaug, the Nobel Laureate and widely considered to be the scientific guru of the Green Revolution, exchanged letters. Borlaug applauded the speech and her firm emphasis on developmental needs, especially the rapid increase in the production of foodgrains. But he wanted her to raise her voice against what he called "eco-maniacs" who were against the use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides and against the use of modern science. Indira Gandhi, who knew and admired Borlaug, acknowledged that the Green Revolution in India depended crucially on expanding the application of "fertilisers, insecticides and weed-killers". But she also expressed concern on the "adverse side effects and the long-term disadvantages of the indiscriminate use of some of these chemicals"'. She advised Borlaug (and this was 50 years ago) that "the scientific community, of which you are a leader, [should] develop integrated methods combining biological and agronomic controls with the judicious use of chemicals to raise crop yields and fight insect and pest menaces with minimum damage to nature's balance... with the aim to maintain a higher environmental quality along with a decent material standard of living".

Had Indira Gandhi shown any interest, the UN Environment Programme that was established following the Stockholm Conference may well have been headquartered in New Delhi. The momentum generated by her speech would have ensured that. The choice was, in fact, between New Delhi and Nairobi. India did not press its case; Kenya did. Kenyan President Jomo Kenyatta was a good friend of India's Prime Minister and had been a classmate of her top aide P.N. Haksar at the London School of Economics. In early November 1972, India gracefully withdrew citing its fraternal links with Kenya. Nine years later, Indira Gandhi was in Nairobi as one of the five heads of government to address the first UN Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy. Her speech there brought renewables into the mainstream of the environmental debate.

A sense of discomfort

Over the last half a century since the Stockholm speech, India has put in place laws, regulations and standards, established institutions and announced numerous polices, programmes and projects to ensure ecological balance as it pursues high economic growth. Nothing can and should remain frozen. Even so, while the rhetoric in international forums has stressed India's environmental commitment and while dramatic declines in costs have enabled a huge expansion in renewable energy capacity, a sense of discomfort on the current regime's actions at home will not be unjustified. In the name of ease of doing business, the regulatory edifice is under systematic assault and enforcement, always weak, has further slackened. When Indira Gandhi spoke at Stockholm, the public health consequences of environmental (mis)governance did not occupy centre stage. They do today. It is because of this that the domestic walk of the Narendra Modi government and not its global talk should be cause for anguish and worry.

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Upholding the right to repair

It is time to not only acknowledge the right to repair of consumers, but also respond to the rights of manufacturers

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The U.S. state of New York recently passed the Fair Repair Act, which requires manufacturers to supply repair information, tools, and parts to independent repair shops and not just their own stores or partners. This provides consumers with the right to repair and refurbish their purchased goods. With access to relevant tools and repair manuals, independent repair shops will finally be able to compete with manufacturers. While this is a victory for consumer rights, privacy, security and quality concerns along with blatant intellectual property (IP) rights violations of the manufacturers cannot be sidelined.

What should be the scope of the right?

The scope of the right can only be determined in the domestic context of the country. We use complex machinery as compared to the past. For instance, air conditioners have largely replaced fans and coolers. An entire repair class is, in effect, denied its right to conduct business as it does not have the tools, parts, guidelines and technical know-how to repair these high-tech products. Further, the lack of certification/licensing of repair workers is seen as a reflection of their lack of skills. But a repair certification/licence can be allotted to those who pass certain criteria and skill tests. In addition to protecting their right to livelihood, it may also prove beneficial as tech companies are required to share their repair manuals with certified technicians.

Manufacturers claim that the quality and functioning of the product might be adversely affected if they allow repairs by consumers and third parties. These claims are not baseless, for in the absence of supervision, who will ensure the quality of spare parts and even the repair technique? The fear of manufacturers is so potent that they incorporate warranty clauses which lapse when the product is repaired by a third party. While necessary clauses to maintain the quality of the product can be included, a blanket waiver should be avoided. For instance, the quality assurance clause can be incorporated for use of company-recommended spare parts and certified repair shops. Making repair manuals available to certified business owners could go a long way in balancing the rights of consumers and manufacturers.

Additionally, manufacturers can sign a non-disclosure agreement to protect the IP with the certified repairers/businesses. Customers with access to genuine parts may also approach independent repair providers who may not offer the original manufacturer's warranty but their own warranty. The aim is to protect the rights of all stakeholders.

Adequacy of Consumer Protection Act

Often, manufacturers reduce the durability of the product, compelling consumers to either repurchase the product or get it repaired at exorbitant prices affixed by the manufacturers. Specifically, this tramples upon the right to obtain information about the quality of the product, the right to procure products at reasonable prices, and the right to seek redress against unscrupulous practices. When read closely, the 'right to repair' can be said to be implicit in Section 2(9) of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. This warrants some relief. Its apparent disregard merits an explicit insertion of a 'right to repair' clause in the said provision. This would make consumers more aware, provide tooth to an already implicit right, and aid in advancing repair-related liability on various stakeholders, including policy recommendations, pertinent amendments and even a specific law incorporating the right to repair to better implement it.

For instance, the product liability clause under Section 84 can be amended and expanded to impose product liability concerning various reparability parameters of the product. France requires manufacturers to display a repairability index on their products which consists of five parameters. This helps consumers understand if the products are repairable, difficult to repair or not repairable at all. The duration of imposing product liability may vary depending on the product and its longevity. Here, we can rely on the EU's guidelines on Ecodesign for Energy-Related Products and Energy Information Regulations, 2021, which mandate manufacturers to provide spare parts for up to 10 years to avoid premature obsolescence.

The New York legislation is a reminder that it is time to not only acknowledge the right to repair of consumers but also respond to the corresponding rights of the manufacturers. This warrants some expedited policy changes to recognise the 'right to repair', be it through amendments in the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 or through a separate law.

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STATE OF PLAY

Leaving no stone unturned

While the Congress is steadily losing ground, the BJP in Uttarakhand is showing no complacency

NAMITA SINGH

Almost two months after forming the government in Uttarakhand, the BJP has registered a big victory in the Champawat Assembly bypoll. By bagging about 94% of the polled votes, the BJP has shattered the hopes of the Congress of reviving its electoral fortunes in the hill State. The AAP, which is still looking to find its feet in the State, received a setback after Colonel (retd) Ajay Kothiyal, its chief ministerial face in the Assembly elections, joined the BJP.

Despite being the captain of the BJP's ship in the Assembly election, Pushkar Singh Dhami had faced defeat in his home turf Khatima (Kumaon). Later, Champawat MLA Kailash Gahtori resigned from his seat, paving the way for Mr. Dhami's entry into the State Assembly.

In Uttarakhand's political history, Mr. Dhami's win is the biggest in a bypoll. All the BJP's star campaigners, including U.P. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, created momentum in favour of Mr. Dhami. The bypoll victory has strengthened both the party and Mr. Dhami's grip over the State.

Mr. Dhami is now taking steps to fulfil the promises made in the party manifesto or 'Drishti Patra'. The party's promises include providing three free gas cylinders for 'Antyodaya' ration card holders and zero tolerance towards corruption. The government has promised to tighten the rope on the land law and anti-conversion law as well. In a controversial move, the Chief Minister has constituted a five-member committee to draft a Uniform Civil Code for implementation in the State amid opposition from the All India Muslim Personal Law Board. In another contentious move, the government has also launched a drive for verification of people from outside the State. The justification for this is that Uttarakhand is a "spiritual capital" and the government "can't allow unwanted elements to cause disturbances and hurt the religious sentiments of the people of Devbhoomi."

It is because of its development work that the BJP, which was going through a churn, registered a massive victory in the Assembly election. Better air, railway and road connectivity, development of religious centres like Kedarnath and Badrinath, better health facilities and the establishment of a satellite centre of AIIMS in Udham Singh Nagar are the key projects of the Central government. The Uttarakhand government has also sought withdrawal of the 'inner-line permit' system in Niti Valley of Chamoli district and Nelang Valley of Uttarkashi district for better border management and expansion of tourism and other economic activities in villages located there. It is providing necessary assistance under the 'Him Prahari Yojna' to settle ex-servicemen and youth in the districts. By promoting tourism and developing religious circuits to attract more and more tourists, the government aims to strengthen the economy and provide employment.

Despite its successive victories, the BJP is not being complacent. At the BJP State Working Committee meeting, the party expressed concern over its poor performance in 4,000-odd booths. All the MPs and MLAs were given the responsibility of strengthening them. During the discussion, the party leaders emphasised that necessary steps must be taken in order to repeat the party's 2019 win in the 2024 general election. On the other hand, the Congress seems to be steadily losing ground. It won 19 seats in the Assembly election, but has failed to address internal differences. It recently appointed 29 observers for its district workshops. But such piecemeal measures may not help the party make inroads into a State where the BJP is leaving no stone unturned to ensure successive victories.

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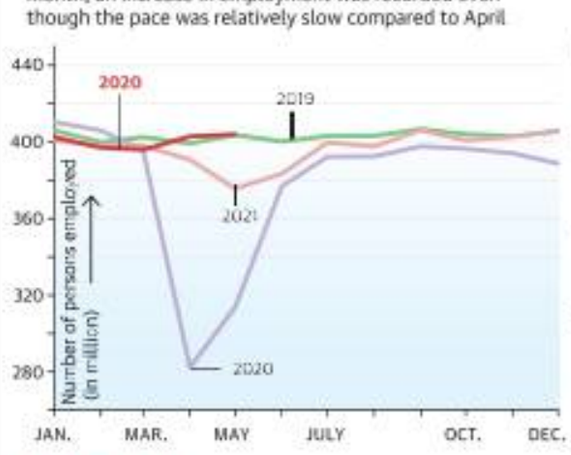
DATA POINT

Steady recovery in employment

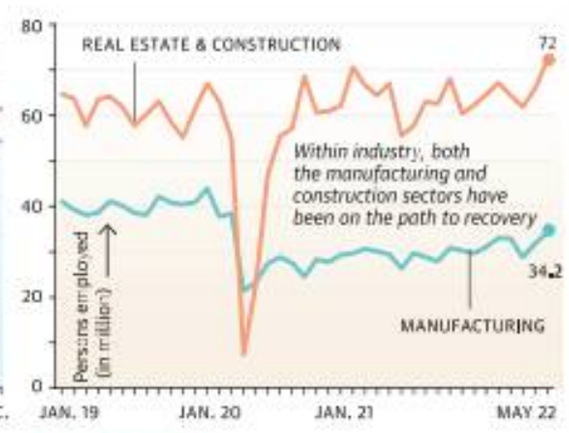
The **Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy's (CMIE)** employment data for May show signs of stability and recovery in the labour sector. Employment rose to 404 million during the month, which was marginally higher than May 2019 and significantly higher than the lows recorded in 2020 and 2021. In the past few months, while the agriculture sector has been shedding jobs, industy has been the biggest gainer. Within industries, employment has been on a rising trend in both manufacturing and construction. The metal industry, which is the biggest employer in the manufacturing sector, has also witnessed rapid recovery

Stable growth: Workers assemble metal rods to make a concrete pillar at an flyover construction site in New Delhi. ■ AFP

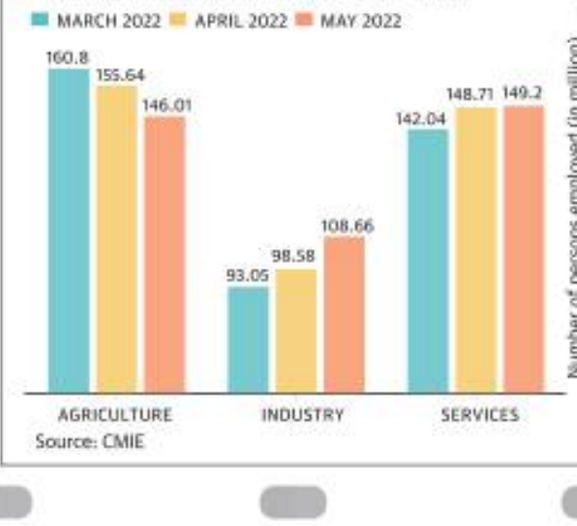
BOUNCING BACK | The chart shows the number of persons employed in the past four years month-wise. About 404 million persons were employed in May, which was close to pre-pandemic figures and significantly higher than the lows recorded in 2021. For the second consecutive month, an increase in employment was recorded even though the pace was relatively slow compared to April



ROAD TO RECOVERY | The chart shows the number of persons employed in the manufacturing and construction sectors. In May, about 34.2 million persons were employed by the manufacturing sector, which is the highest since the pandemic started. The construction sector employed 72 million, which is higher than the pre-pandemic levels



SHIFT IN JOBS | The chart shows the number of persons employed (in million) in agriculture, industry, and services in March, April, and May. The labour market witnessed a shift in employment from agriculture to industry in the past two months. Between March and May, agriculture shed nearly 14.8 million jobs while industry added 15.6 million



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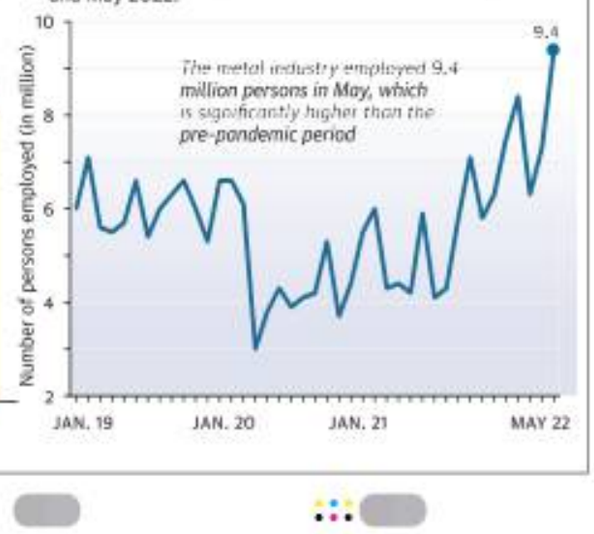
HIGHER SHARE | The chart shows the number of persons employed in the metal industry month-wise. As of May 2022, the metal industry employs close to 27% of persons employed in the manufacturing sector. The industry has seen a rapid recovery since the lows recorded in April 2020 and May 2022.



The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 14, 1972

Popularity of India-made garments

New Delhi, June 13: India-made ready-made garments are becoming popular in a large number of countries including the United States and Soviet Union. Export earnings from ready-made garments amounted to Rs. 16.5 crores during the first half of 1971-72 registering a 15 per cent increase over the earnings of the corresponding period in 1970-71. The highest earnings came from woollen sweaters and cardigans amounting to Rs. 6.8 crores. The next places go to outer garments (Rs. 2.1 crores), cotton trousers (Rs. 1.4 crores), cotton shirts (Rs. 1.3 crores) and girls' dresses (Rs. 1.3 crores). The Soviet Union took the largest share of the purchases of woollen cardigans, sweaters and outer garments amounting to Rs. 5.5 crores followed by Czechoslovakia with Rs. 60 lakhs. The bulk of the purchases of cotton trousers also was made by the Soviet Union (Rs. 1.1 crores). Cotton dresses for girls were mostly imported by the United States. Nigeria showed a preference for Indian ties and bought Rs. 19 lakhs worth of them.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 14, 1922

Chauri Chaura case

Gorakhpur, June 13: To-day three more prosecution witness and 14 more accused were examined including Shyam Sundar who is alleged to have played a leading part in Non-Co-operation activities and in the Chaura riot. He stated that he was a volunteer and he used to enlist volunteers. He went to the first Dumri Sabha in which Hakim Arif (a local non-co-operator) was also present. The accused did not join any Chaura riot. He went to Prayag to bathe in the holy water of the Ganges. Having received the news of his maternal uncle's illness he returned to the village Pratapgarh where his maternal uncle lived. Soon after, his maternal uncle died and he was arrested there. On being asked the reason why the witness implicated him in the riot, the accused alleged enmity with Sardar Harcharan Singh Shaikari and Thakur (approvers). He told a long story as to how the enmity arose between him and the 2 approvers. The bone of contention was that Shyam Sundar who stood for Congress and used to collect subscription in its name did not allow Shaikari and Thakur to collect subscriptions in the name of Khilafat. As to the remaining witnesses who implicated him in the riot he said that they identified him because they all saw him in the first Dumri Sabha.

FROM PAGE ONE

Retail inflation eases marginally to 7.04%

Six other sub-groups of food and beverages recorded a decline in the pace of price rise, led by edible oils and fats (13.26% in May from 17.28% in April), while pulses and eggs recorded negative inflation of 0.42% and 4.64%, compared with 0% and 1.86% in April, respectively. Inflation in cereals cooled only slightly to 5.33% in May from 5.96% in April.

On a month-on-month basis, the Consumer Price Index was up 0.94% in May compared with April, while the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) rose 1.59%. Within the CFPI, the rural food price index rose 1.34% and urban prices rose 1.84%.

"Unfortunately, higher food and fuel prices are likely to impact rural demand and core inflation edging up sharply is a concern. Supply-side constraints are likely to keep prices high for long despite tightening monetary policy," said Deloitte India economist Rumki Majumdar.

Fuel and light inflation eased slightly to 9.54% in May from 10.8% in April and inflation in transport and communication also fell to 9.54% from almost 11% in April. Inflation in household goods and services as well as miscellaneous items, which indicated that price rise pressures had become all-pervasive and generalised in April, moderated marginally from 7.97% to 6.85% and 8.03% to 6.82%, respectively, in May.

"The miscellaneous category of goods and services was also high with only health and education registering less than 6%. The indication is that the transfer of higher input costs to consumers is still playing out for household goods and personal care products," Mr. Sabnavis noted.

Highest in Telangana

Eleven of the 22 States and Union Territories, for which the National Statistical Office released disaggregated inflation trends, reported price rise at a faster pace than the all-India rate of 7.04%.

The highest inflation rates were reported from Telangana (9.45%), Maharashtra (8.52%), Andhra Pradesh (8.49%), West Bengal (8.27%), Jharkhand (7.51%) and Gujarat (7.48%). Kerala continued to record the lowest inflation rate at 4.82% (from 5.08% in April), followed by Delhi (5.57%), Himachal Pradesh (5.63%), Tamil Nadu (5.72%) and Punjab (5.77%).

Price rise in clothing and footwear also remained high at 8.85%, only one percentage point lower than April's 9.85%. Inflation in footwear prices remained in the double digits at 10.72% (compared with 12.12% in April), while clothing inflation fell to 8.53% in May from 9.51% in April.

"If inflation undershoots RBI's quarterly estimate, it should assuage fears of a sharp tightening in the August 2022 monetary policy review," Ms. Nayar said, adding that ICRA continues to expect rate hikes of 35 and 25 basis points, respectively, in the central bank's next two bi-monthly policy reviews, followed by a pause.

Pandits refuse to rejoin duty in Valley

Community members say government measures are insufficient to address their security concerns

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

More than 5,000 Kashmiri Pandit employees, recruited under the Prime Minister's special employment package since 2008, continued to stay away from offices in the Valley on Monday, even after a month has passed since a Pandit employee was shot dead by militants in Budgam.

However, top government officials were hopeful that the employees will rejoin duty within the next two weeks. Most of the employees termed the recent government measures, which included posting to district headquarters and safer places, as insufficient to address their security concerns. The community was frightened by the back-to-back targeted killings in May, which included one Kashmiri Pandit, two Hindus from Jammu, one Hindu from Rajasthan and three local Muslim policemen.

"I have not rejoined the duties like others. Our prime demand is relocation and attachment with the Relief Commissioner's office till the situation improves in Kashmir. Selective killings have left us scared," Sanjay Koul, a Kashmiri Pandit employee from south Kashmir, told *The Hindu*.

Demanding justice: Members of the All Migrants Employees Association Kashmir protesting in Jammu on Monday. • PTI

Mr. Kaul termed the recent measures such as redesignating supernumerary posts as divisional-level posts of the Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) administration as service-related. "The service-related issues have nothing to do with the agitation of Pandits. We never demanded promotions or safe locations. They should have been addressed earlier," Mr. Kaul from Vessu transit colony in Kulgam, said.

"I am not going to school anymore. Our children are also home-bound and skip classes unlike others. The future of our children is at stake," he added.

The government had directed secure posting for Kashmiri Pandits at the district headquarters and in safer zones. At least 177 employees have been posted to safer zones in Srinagar.

Vinod Kaul, an engineer in Srinagar, said none of the 300 employees living at the Sheikhpora colony in Budgam, where the deceased Bhat lived before he was killed in May 12, have joined their duties. "Rahul was also posted at the district headquarter. He was killed where a magistrate sits. We don't think the threat level has gone down," he said. Mr. Kaul said he has to intimate the police every time he leaves home.

"The police also call to know if I have gone anywhere. Is this a sense of security?" he added. However, the government has started measures to push the Pandits to rejoin their duties. A.K. Pandita, Commissioner of the Relief and Rehabilitation department, said only 50% of employees have left for Jammu.

"I am hopeful they will rejoin in a week or fortnight. There is threat to life everywhere, even in Jammu. Most of the service-related issues have already been addressed. None of the employees will be transferred to Jammu because that will fail the purpose of the PM package," he added.

According to the official figures, 5,412 have already been appointed under the PM package and posted in all 10 districts in the Valley.

Tribal groups slam Manipur CM's remark

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GUWAHATI

Tribal groups in Manipur have slammed Manipur Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh for allegedly saying "land belongs to Mother Nature and not to any particular community". Five organisations, including Tangkhul Naga Long, reminded the CM that the identity of the tribal people had a "sacred" connection with their land.

"We are indigenous to our land and thus, the sole owners of our land. The British, having understood this right from the early days, created laws to honour the tribals' relationship with land," they said. They pointed out that Clause (B) of Section 2 of the Protection of Manipur People Bill defines 'Manipur people' as 'persons whose name are in the NRC, 1951, Census Report 1951 and Village Directory of 1951 and descendants who have contributed to social, cultural and economic life of Manipur'.

BSF exchanges fire with armed men

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU

The Border Security Force (BSF) on Monday "exchanged gunfire with armed men" on the International Border (IB) in the Arnia Sector of Jammu, a statement said.

"Alert Border Security Force (BSF) troops observed suspicious movement close to the International Border in Arnia sector Sunday night at about 09:30 p.m," the Border Security Force (BSF) said in the statement on Monday.

"The BSF troops challenged, on which the miscreants fired and BSF retaliated by firing few bursts towards them due to which they ran back," the BSF said.

Search operation on

The border force said it carried out a search operation on Monday morning "but nothing has been recovered so far."

Further investigation is under way.

Plea to file hate speech FIR against BJP leaders dismissed

No cognisable offence was made out, say Delhi police

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Monday dismissed a petition by CPI(M) leaders Brinda Karat and K.M. Tiwari challenging the trial court's refusal to direct the registration of an FIR against Union Minister Anurag Thakur and his BJP colleague and MP Pravesh Verma for their alleged hate speeches concerning the anti-CAA protest at Shaheen Bagh here.

Brinda Karat

Justice Chandra Dhari Singh refused to interfere with the trial court's order, and said that under the law, the requisite sanction is required to be obtained from the competent authority for the registration of FIR in the present facts.

The judge, who had reserved the verdict on March 25, noted that the Delhi Police had conducted a preliminary inquiry in the matter and informed the trial court that *prima facie* no cognisable offence was made out and that for ordering any investigation, the trial court was required to take cognisance of the facts and evidence before it.

The High Court concluded that the trial court therefore rightly decided the petitioners' plea on the point of its maintainability in the absence of a sanction.

The petitioners had claimed in their complaint before the trial court that "Thakur and Verma had sought to incite people as a result of which three incidents of firing took place at two different protest sites in Delhi". It was the petitioners' grievance that at the Rithala rally here, Thakur had, on January 27, 2020, egged on the crowd to raise an incendiary slogan – "shoot the traitors" – after lashing out at anti-CAA protesters. They had alleged that Verma had allegedly made incendiary comments against the anti-CAA protesters in Shaheen Bagh.

The trial court had dismissed the petitioners' complaint on the ground that it was not sustainable as the requisite sanction from the competent authorit, the Central government, was not obtained. The High Court said, "The (trial) court cannot direct registration of FIR or investigation into an offence while exercising power under Section 156(3) of Code (of Criminal Procedure) concerning offence where the sanction is required to be taken before a court can take cognizance."

Centre urged to extend GST compensation

MSME is struggling to survive: Mitra

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

Former West Bengal Finance Minister Amit Mitra has written a letter to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman urging her to continue to provide GST compensation to the States for the next three to five years beyond June 2022.

Amit Mitra

Mr. Mitra, who is now the Principal Chief Adviser to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, wrote, "I hope you will agree that it would be most logical to continue to provide GST compensation to the States for the next three to five years beyond June 2022, to provide much needed relief to the State finances."

He argued that "unforeseen battle against this pandemic" has put the fiscal health of the States under huge stress alongside which massive inflationary pressures have severely aggravated and impaired the economies of the States. "The GDP level has not yet reached the pre-pandemic level and is not likely to reach a desirable trajectory anytime soon," he wrote on June 11. Mr. Mitra said he was chairperson of the Empowered Committee of Finance Ministers of States.

He added that all the political parties had decided to adopt GST on the condition that the Centre agreed to compensate the States for revenue loss for five years. Mr. Mitra argued that the MSME sector is struggling to survive and the unorganised sector that provides employment to 90% of the labour force remains severely fractured.

Rahul quizzed by ED for 11 hours, summoned again

Party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra dropped in at the Tughlaq Road police station to check on the senior leaders who were detained by the police after stopping their march.

Late at night, around 11.25 p.m., Mr. Chowdhury and Mr. Venugopal dared the police personnel to formally arrest them or release them as they were detained for more than 12 hours without a formal charge.

The Congress leaders and MPs, who were detained at various police stations such as Mandir Marg and Sarojini Nagar, besides Tughlaq Road, were let off only after Mr. Gandhi left the ED office. "This [Narendra Modi] government has unleashed the terror of Central agencies on people. That's why I called up the offices of CBI Director, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Chairman to meet them and convey my feelings as a citizen and as a Chief Minister about how low their credibility is now," Mr. Gehlot said.

'Opposition targeted'

Mr. Baghel questioned why the Central agencies targeted only Opposition leaders and never anyone from the ruling party.

"Not one leader from the BJP or any of their allies has been questioned. The Central agencies are being used to suppress the Opposition. Whenever a raid takes place on an Opposition leader, first the case is highlighted as a very big one. Then when the same leader joins the BJP, the case is dismissed," Mr. Baghel said.

The leaders of the G-23, the ginger group pushing for internal reforms, were conspicuous by their absence.

Roads barricaded

Most of the lanes and arterial roads leading to the ED office were barricaded and prohibitory orders under CrPC Section 144 were imposed in the area by the Delhi Police.

The police had reportedly cited the recent communal tensions and the law and order situation to deny permission for the march and parts of central Delhi were converted into a fortress with anti-riots police, the Rapid Action Force and the CRPF deployed on the route to the ED office.

The investigating officer of the case, in the rank of an Assistant Director, is understood to have put questions about the incorporation of Young Indian, a not-for-profit company that now owns Associated Journals Ltd. (AJL) which publishes the *National Herald* newspaper.

Smriti flays Cong. stir; calls it 'pressure tactics'

'Protest is not bid to save democracy, but to protect assets of Gandhi family worth ₹2,000 crore'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Union Minister and Amethi MP Smriti Irani described the street protests launched by the Congress on Monday, as party leader Rahul Gandhi went for questioning by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), as a move undertaken "to pressure an investigating agency openly" because "their corruption has been exposed". She said it was an attempt to "protect the assets of the Gandhi family".

Up in arms: Congress cadre protesting against the summoning of Rahul Gandhi by ED in New Delhi. • SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

At a press conference at the BJP's national headquarters, Ms. Irani said, "Congress leaders have taken to the streets to pressure an investigating agency openly because their corruption has been exposed."

"The impasse that Congress leaders and workers are doing today on the call of Rahul Gandhi, I would like to tell the country that this is not an attempt to save democracy, but an attempt to protect the assets of the Gandhi family worth ₹2,000 crore," Ms. Irani said.

The Minister said that in the 1930s, the company Associate Journals Ltd. was formed with funds from 5,000 freedom fighters as shareholders. "Today, a company that was to be run by freedom fighters has been usurped by the Gandhi family," she said.

"Today, I will draw the attention of those who want to put pressure on the investigation agency, on the sentence of a 2019 judgment of the Delhi High Court, 'The ownership of Rahul and Sonia Gandhi ji over the AGL is an attempt to illegally take possession of the property'," she added. Ms. Irani further alleged that the entire Gandhi family was fascinated by real estate.

"Why is Gandhi family interested in a former newspaper publishing company which is now running real estate business... This shows that not just *Jijaji* [Rahul Gandhi's brother-in-law Robert Vadra] but the entire Gandhi family is fascinated by real estate," she added.

Mr. Gandhi appeared before the ED office in Delhi in connection with the *National Herald* case. Earlier, the Congress leader surrounded by hundreds of party workers marched to the ED office to appear before the agency from the party headquarters.

Haryana gets notice over polluted water

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Monday issued notice to the Haryana government after taking cognisance of a report in *The Hindu* on June 8 about hazardous waste contaminating groundwater near the Bandhwari landfill in Gurugram.

"The State government has been asked to submit a report in the matter within six weeks. It should include the steps taken/proposed to be taken to deal with the hazard. The Commission has observed that the contents of the media report, if true, amount to violation of human rights due to negligence of public authorities," an NHRC statement read.

The Central Pollution Control Board had in 2017 found that the groundwater of three villages near the landfill was contaminated.

The contamination had spread to two more neighbouring villages, the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute confirmed.

However, there had been no improvement in the situation that was threatening the health of the residents as well as the flora and fauna of the forest area.

Vaccinate more people, Centre tells States

The States were also told to focus on implementing the guidelines on surveillance of incoming international travellers and surveillance through health facilities, labs, community etc.

Stressing on the importance of COVID vaccination among the vulnerable age groups, Dr. Mandaviya urged the State Health Ministers to personally review the status and progress of the special month-long drive Har Ghar Dastak 2.0 (door-to-door) campaign, which began on June 1.

"Let us accelerate our efforts to identify all beneficiaries in the 12-17 age group for the first and second doses, so they can attend schools with the protection of the vaccine," the Minister said.

He urged States for focussed coverage of 12-17 age groups through school-based campaigns (govt/private/ informal Schools like madrasas, day care centres), along with targeted coverage of non-school going children during the summer vacation.

Sena MLA moves HC over his invalidated vote in RS polls

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Shiv Sena MLA Suhas Kande on June 13 moved the Bombay High Court challenging the decision of the Election Commission of India (ECI) declaring his vote as invalid in the Rajya Sabha elections held on June 10.

Mr. Kande, 46, filed a petition through advocate Ajinkya Udane, aggrieved by the ECI order which caused prejudice to his dignity and reputation. The plea relied upon the provisions of the Representation of the People Act as well as the conduct of election rules and urges the court to take a look at the handbook for returning officers.

The petition says that "Yogesh Sagar, BJP MLA, has alleged that Mr. Kande showed his ballot paper to the whip of another political party. This is not true and that Mr. Kande had shown his ballot paper only to Sunil Prabhu and no other whip."

Mr. Kande contended that no notice was given to him and without seeking his response, the ECI thought it fit to interfere with the decision taken by the election officer and held his vote invalid. The petition wants the court to quash the ECI's decision.

A Division Bench of Justices S.V. Gangapurwala and D.S. Thakur said it would hear the petition on June 15.

Bombay HC asks Nawab Malik to file fresh plea

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Monday directed Maharashtra Cabinet Minister Nawab Malik to file a fresh plea seeking release for one day to cast his vote in the Legislative Council polls on June 20. The court had on June 10 rejected a plea by the leader seeking one-day bail to cast his vote in the Rajya Sabha polls.

Mr. Malik's lawyers sought to amend the earlier petition in which he requested to be released for a day to cast his vote in the RS elections. However, Justice P.D. Naik asked to file a new plea.

The court said, "You have to file a fresh petition. New prayers cannot be inserted. Something which is against the procedure, this court will not allow. Take instructions whether you want to withdraw it or I will say it is infructuous." The lawyers agreed to file a fresh plea.

Plea in SC to stop U.P. demolitions

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A prominent Muslim body urged the Supreme Court on Monday to step in against officials in Uttar Pradesh who have violated the "rule of law" by using bulldozers to raze the homes of people linked to riots which broke out in the State following objectionable remarks allegedly made by two leaders against Prophet Mohammad.

"The demolition of properties carried out by the State government in retaliation was in breach of the laws enacted by the state legislature itself," Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, represented by advocate Kabir Dixit, argued.

Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind alleged that authorities began to demolish the houses without even giving the people an opportunity to be heard.

Opposition floats the idea of Pawar as consensus candidate

Parties are keen on putting up strong fight but divided on who should take lead

SANDEEP PHUKAN
NEW DELHI

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar could emerge as a consensus candidate for the Presidential election if other Opposition parties manage to convince him, a source familiar with the developments said on Monday.

Mr. Pawar has not revealed his mind yet, but the source cited above said the situation will be clear by June 15 when leaders of 22 Opposition parties meet to formulate a joint strategy.

A day after West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee invited Opposition leaders for a meeting in Delhi to formulate a joint strategy for the Presidential election, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh called on Mr. Pawar in Mumbai on Sunday.

The Trinamool Congress is said to be pushing for Sharad Pawar as he can reach out to all parties. • EMMANUAL YOGINI

Hours after the Election Commission announced the presidential poll notification, Congress president Sonia Gandhi had also called Mr. Pawar apart from other leaders such as Ms. Banerjee and Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray.

Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge also met Mr. Pawar soon after Ms. Gandhi made him the key point person to coordinate with other Opposition parties.

As reported by *The Hindu* on Monday, Trinamool Congress is said to be pushing for a political person who can also reach out to Opposition parties that have never been a part of the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA).

Mr. Pawar fits the description as he is known to share cordial relations with the Telangana Chief Minister and Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) chief K. Chandrashekar Rao as well as Biju Janata Dal (BJD) chief and Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

"It's not about winning or losing but putting up a fight for the principles we stand for. Parties like AAP or TRS won't support a Congress candidate. But if Mr. Pawar agrees, it's game on," said an Opposition leader, who didn't wish to be quoted.

While the Opposition parties are united in their desire for putting up a strong fight, they seemed divided on who should take the lead.

MVA-BJP fight for 10 Council seats in upcoming elections

Lack of communication in MVA, claims BJP leader Fadnavis

STAFF REPORTER
MUMBAI

Even as the Bharatiya Janata Party-backed Independent Sadabhau Khot withdrew from the June 20 Maharashtra Legislative Council polls, the party on Monday said it would contest with five candidates, paving the way for yet another fight after the Rajya Sabha polls. Eleven candidates are in the fray for 10 seats.

"There is unrest within the ruling parties. We have chalked out a plan. Based on that we are going to contest the fifth seat. I am aware that this is not an easy task. But I have faith that we will win five seats," said Leader of the Opposition Devendra Fadnavis.

When asked about the reason to withdraw the sixth candidate, he said that after discussions, our State president Chandrakant Patil took the decision to contest only five seats.

Mr. Fadnavis claimed that individuals from the ruling parties held discussions with him to make this an unopposed election.

"They also discussed the possibility of withdrawing the Congress candidate for which they received a negative reply [from the Congress]," he said, adding that the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) not only has unrest, but also lack of communication.

Eleven candidates

With the BJP nominating five candidates, Pravin Darekar, Ram Shinde, Shrikant Bharatiya, Uma Khapre and Prasad Lad, three parties of the MVA have fielded two candidates each.

The Sena has given ticket to Sachin Ahir and Amshya Padvi, while the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) has fielded Ramraje Naik Nimbalkar and Eknath Khadse. The Congress has given ticket to Chandrakant Handore and Bhai Jagtap. The June 20 election is likely to be between Mr. Lad and Mr. Jagtap.

The quota for secret ballot is set as 27. As per the calculation, the Congress has 44 MLAs which will ensure victory of one of its candidates. Mr. Jagtap, who is the Mumbai Congress chief, will require 17 more votes to ensure his berth in the Council.

Going by original party strength numbers, the BJP and its allies have 113 MLAs, ensuring smooth victory to its four candidates. The fifth candidate will require 22 more votes, which the party hopes to get.

Uneasy calm in Saharanpur

Residents hesitant to speak up

SAMRIDHI TEWARI
NEW DELHI

Days after violence erupted in Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur over the controversial remarks made by now-suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma on Prophet Muhammed, an uneasy calm prevails in the city amid filing of FIRs and arrests. "We don't know, maybe our child, or we are next to get arrested, while our house will get demolished," the residents said.

The demonstration took place after the afternoon prayers on June 10, when a crowd of more than 1,000-1,500 people marched from Jama Masjid to Ghanta Ghar. The people chanted slogans and demanded the arrest of Ms. Sharma, a senior police officer deployed at the location said.

"The situation was brought under control in a few hours. We had heavy police deployment in the area; shops at the market were shut, and the shopkeepers were asked to leave," he added.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Saharanpur, Akash Tomar, on Monday said three cases were registered on June 10 by the police, in which, a total of 84 people had been arrested in connection with Saharanpur violence.

While the violence was leading the headlines, Mr. Tomar on Monday said 18 people (12 Hindus and six Muslims) had been arrested in the city for hate speech in the last week.

People marched from Jama Masjid to Ghanta Ghar on June 10. • PTI

Masked protesters

Shamshuddin, 44, owner of a phone repair shop at Nehru Market, said, "The protesters wore face masks and a piece of cloth on their face, hence they weren't recognisable." According to him, the crowd did not throw stones and did not damage anything.

While Mr. Shamshuddin claimed the protest was peaceful, Raju Bhutani, 49, a retailer at Nehru Market, was attacked during the demonstration. He said that he was attacked with stones, while the entrance table of his shop was damaged. "I was trying to safeguard myself, but I was aware the demonstrators would dismantle the entrance," he added.

West Bengal limps to normalcy

All shops have downed their shutters; several have been set on fire

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
HOWRAH

Mohammad Ainul (45) and Aurangzeb (34) rummaged through a pile of debris that was once their shop in Panchla Bazaar on Monday afternoon. Both of them are fruit vendors, and travel from Bauria in the district to the busy Panchla market and make a living by selling fruits. "There is nothing left here. Who do we blame for this, Muslims or Hindus? Both are responsible for this," Aurangzeb said. Ainul said that when the mob came rushing towards the shops from Panchla crossing, all the shopkeepers – both Hindus and Muslims – ran for their lives.

At the receiving end: Aurangazeb (left) and Ainul rummaging through the remains of their shop at Panchla market. • DEBASISH BHADURI

"I covered my stall which had all kinds of fruits. See, everything has been turned to ashes," Ainul said.

An uneasy calm prevails over Panchla Bazar, where violence had erupted on Saturday. Almost all the shops have downed their shutters. Several shops in the market have been set on fire. Panchla Bazaar has shops of both Hindus and Muslims, which is clear from boards and signage on them.

A security guard at an ATM says that another ATM of a nationalised bank few metres away has been vandalised. "What is the fault of the poor ATM? Doesn't everyone use it?" the guard asked and hurriedly left the market.

Protesters did not spare even a club called Netaji Sangha that stands at the entrance of the market. Not only photographs of national icons including Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose were destroyed, even the ambulance of the club was not spared by the protesters. While traders and shopkeepers stayed away from the market, scores of policemen stood guard to the rows of closed shops at Panchla Bazaar.

Protests over offensive remarks made about Prophet Muhammed by former BJP spokespersons had started in Howrah on June 9.

Muslims flee

About 20 km away at Salap crossing on the National Highway 6, rows of charred vehicles still bear testimony to the violence. Rita Porel, who works in a plastic factory, said that her house was surrounded by vehicles on fire when she returned from work on Saturday evening. The house which is nothing more than a cubicle wrapped by polythene sheets is home to four persons and a goat. "All the Muslim neighbours have fled, maybe they fear arrests," she said pointing out to small houses located next to hers.

A pile of charred motorbikes are lying next to an armoured vehicle in front of the office of the Superintendent of Police, Howrah Rural. Not only in Howrah but violence also was witnessed at Rejinagar and Beldanga in Murshidabad, where Internet service has been suspended. On Sunday evening, protesters attacked a local train at Bethuadahari railway station in State's Nadia district.

On Monday, the situation turned volatile in Bethuadahari and the police had to resort to baton-charge to disperse the mob that gathered near the station.

200 arrested, 42 FIRs

Senior officials of the West Bengal police said that so far, 200 people have been arrested and 42 FIRs have been registered. Additional Director General (Law and Order), West Bengal Police Jawed Shamim said that there has been no loss of life or serious injury; people have been booked for road blockade, assault, rioting, and damage to public property and spreading communal hatred.

China wades into Nupur Sharma row

'Hope the issue is properly managed'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Wading into the diplomatic firestorm over the remarks made by suspended Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokesperson Nupur Sharma, China's Foreign Ministry on Monday said it hoped the "relevant incident can be properly managed."

The Chinese Foreign Ministry was asked to comment on the row at Monday's daily press briefing by a Chinese television channel, which asked the spokesperson to comment on "remarks about Prophet Muhammed by India's BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma" that had "sparked outrage among Muslim communities in India and Islamic countries."

The spokesperson, Wang Wenbin, responded by saying China's Foreign Ministry "noted relevant reports". "We hope the relevant incident can be properly managed," he said.

"China believes that different civilisations and different religions should respect each other and co-exist on an equal footing. It is important to abandon arrogance and prejudice and it is important to deepen recognition and understanding of one's own civilisation and differences from other civilisations, and promote dialogue and harmonious coexistence," he added.

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WANG WENBIN

China has come under criticism for its policies towards Muslims, particularly over sending hundreds of thousands of Uyghurs to "re-education" camps that Beijing has called vocational training institutions.

Many Islamic countries, including China's "all-weather" ally Pakistan, groups such as the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member countries that have close trading relations with Beijing, have remained largely silent on the Xinjiang issue. Beijing has hit out at Western criticism over Xinjiang, describing it as interference in China's "internal" affairs.

Kolkata police summon Nupur Sharma for questioning

Multiple organisations have come out in support of her

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Suspended Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Nupur Sharma, who is facing multiple cases for her controversial remarks, has now been summoned by the Kolkata Police to appear at the Narkeldanga police station on June 20 for questioning.

Ms. Sharma has also been summoned by the police in Mumbai and Thane, Maharashtra. The Mumbai police, which registered a case following a complaint lodged by a Raza Academy office bearer with the Pydhonie police station, has asked her to appear on June 25.

The Mumbai police has sent a notice for her appearance on June 22, while the Bhiwandi police had issued summons against her for joining the probe on Monday.

The suspended BJP leader, through her lawyer, has sought four weeks' time from the Bhiwandi police to record her statement in the case registered on May 30.

Nupur Sharma

The Delhi Police have also named her in one of the FIRs.

Ms. Sharma's comments, made during a TV debate last month, sparked a series of violent protests in different parts of the country this past week and drew sharp reactions from countries like Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bahrain.

Support for Ms. Sharma

At the same time, she is also getting support from a large number of people on social media from different parts of the country.

At a Dharma Parishad in Kashi on June 10, Hindu saints condemned the violent protests and also demanded legal action against those who issued threats to Ms. Sharma.

On June 11, a procession in support of the suspended BJP leader was taken out in Uttar Pradesh's Bhadohi despite prohibitory orders. A case was registered in this regard.

The same day, many supporters gathered on Sarkhej Gandhinagar Highway in Ahmedabad, but were not allowed by the police to take out a march.

An organisation named Hindu Sena on June 11 said the Delhi police detained its 12 volunteers while they were trying to take out a march in favour of Ms. Sharma.

On June 10, Bharatiya Janata Party MP Pragya Singh Thakur had tweeted, "If telling the truth is a rebellion, then understand that I am also a rebel..."

Kuwait to deport expats for 'illegal' protests

DUBAI

The Kuwait government has decided to arrest and deport an unspecified number of expats who participated in a protest against the controversial remarks by two former BJP functionaries against Prophet Muhammad, as the Gulf nation's laws do not allow such demonstrations, according to a media report. PTI

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REQUIREMENT OF RESIDENT ASSISTANT HOSTEL MANAGER (FEMALE) ON CONTRACT BASIS
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ABSTRACT "e" TENDER NOTIFICATION
Bids in two covers are invited through "e" Procurement Portal **(Website URL: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works. **1) KPCL/2022-23/PS/ WORK_INDENT 12376 Dt: 08.06.2022** Design, Engineering, manufacture, quality surveillance, testing at supplier's works, supply, transportation, delivery on FOR destination basis, Arranging transit insurance, Dismantling of existing Governor and Sequencer system and associated equipments complete including supply, laying, testing, termination of cables, networking, communication, etc., for 2MW Bhadra Left bank Generating Unit. **EMD: Rs. 2,16,000/-. 2) KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12450 Dt: 07.06.2022** Erection, Testing & Commissioning of M/s SAEW, Chennai supplied 15MVA, 66KV/11KV Generator Transformer, Supply & Installation of Transformer instruments at BGS. **EMD: Rs. 50,000/-.** Last Date & Time for online submission of tenders: For Sl. No. 1: **05.07.2022 upto 16.30 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 2: **21.06.2022 upto 16.30 Hrs.** Opening of the Technical Bid: For Sl. No. 1: **07.07.2022 at 10.30 Hrs.** For Sl. No. 2: **23.06.2022 at 10.30 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the **Executive Engineer, (O&M), Bhadra,** BGS, KPCL, B.R. Project - 577115, Bhadravathi-Tq., Shivamogga-Dist., Karnataka.

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION OF BIDS–TWO COVER–ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM
(E-Submission) Second Call – Short Term

IFB No.	27/F.CWSS to 667-Thiruvarur/JJM/ /SDO/CE-TNJ/2022/Dated : 11.06.2022.
Fund	JJM Fund 2021-2022
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Integrated Office Complex, First Floor, No.243/2,Thanjavur-Trichy Main Road, Pillayarpatty, Thanjavur-613 403
Sale of Bid	**15.06.2022 to 01.07.2022 upto 17.45 hours (as per server time)**
Available website	E-Tendering website **www.tntenders.gov.in.**
Pre Bid meeting	**20.06.2022** at **11.00** hours at the office of the Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Thanjavur
Bid Submission	**02.07.2022** upto **15.00** hours Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering portal **www.tntenders.gov.in**
Bid opening	**04.07.2022** at **15.30** hours Package I & **16.30** hours Package-II at the office of the Tender Invitee through E-Tendering Portal.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Crore including GST)	Bid Security (Rs.in lakhs)
	CWSS to 667 Habitations in Thiruvarur, Nannilam, Koradachery, Kottur, Mannargudi & Thiruthuraipoondi Unions of Thiruvarur District under Jal Jeevan Mission fund - (Period of completion : 18 months, Trial Run : 6 months and Paid maintenance : 60 months)–**Package - I & II**		
1	Package-I	332.87	166.50
2	Package-II	323.00	161.50

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IN BRIEF

Bill passed to make CM Chancellor in West Bengal

KOLKATA

In an attempt to install the Chief Minister as the chancellor of all State Universities instead of the Governor, the West Bengal Legislative Assembly on Monday passed the West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2022. The Bill seeks to replace Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as the Chancellor of all State-run universities. The Bill was passed with 182 members voting in favour of the legislation and 40 against it in the 294-member Assembly.

Bikram Keshari Arukha is new Speaker for Odisha

BHUBANESWAR

Six-time MLA Bikram Keshari Arukha was elected as the new Speaker of Odisha Legislative Assembly on Monday, after Surjya Narayan Patra stepped down from the post on account of health concerns. Mr. Arukha was Forest and Environment and Parliamentary Affairs Minister in the Naveen Patnaik government. He was dropped from the Council of Ministers during the recent reconstitutions. "Mr. Arukha has been a distinguished member of the House since 1995. He has been highlighting problems of the people and requirement of the constituency he represents," said Mr. Patnaik while proposing his name.

IIT-G develops prosthetic leg for Indian conditions

GUWAHATI

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IIT-G) have developed a prosthetic leg that allows its user to sit cross-legged and squat deep and is suitable for uneven terrain. Designed for Indian conditions, the prosthetic leg is also adjustable for different age groups and multiple stages of prosthetic use. It has been tested to support up to 100-kg body weight and entails a cost of about ₹25,000, the institute said in a statement on Monday.

Minor Dalit boy assaulted in Barmer district

JAIPUR

A 14-year-old Dalit boy was allegedly beaten with rods and hung upside down from a ceiling fan at Bhimda village in Rajasthan's Barmer district. Police initiated action and arrested the accused after the weekend's incident came to light through a video clip. The minor boy was working as a domestic help at the residence of the accused, Nemichand Soni. He and his family members assaulted him when he went to their house after a gap of two days, accusing him of molesting a girl in the family. Soni and his family members allegedly branded the boy with hot iron rods.

Centre to boost supply of fortified rice

Food Secretary says the nutritional benefits in consuming the grain far outweighs the risk

JIGEESH A.M.
NEW DELHI

Union Food and Public Distribution Secretary Sudhanshu Pandey said here on Monday that the Centre had started the second phase of distribution of fortified rice from April 1. A total of 90 districts have been covered, and the Centre is targeting 291 districts, he added.

The pet scheme of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, started in October 2021, aims to supply fortified rice to beneficiaries of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman, or PM-POSHAN, scheme.

Asked about the health risks involved in the consumption of fortified rice, which has added nutrients, and the warnings experts had given to the Centre against such a scheme, Mr. Pandey said the benefits far outweighed the harmful effects. He added that a comprehensive concurrent evaluation mechanism had been put in place.

Awaiting distribution: A file photo of a worker walking past sacks filled with rice at a Food Corporation of India warehouse in Punjab.

"All States have set up a steering committee headed by the Chief Secretary that will review the whole distribution. The State medical departments and ground functionaries are generally aware of pockets of diseases," he said.

Mr. Pandey said the Food Corporation of India (FCI) had procured about 90 lakh tonnes of fortified rice and about 2.2 lakh tonnes had been supplied to 90 districts in 16 States. He was confident that the entire quantity would be procured before the end of the year. "It is a continuous and complex process. About 90 lakh tonnes is available with the FCI and lifting is done by the States," he said. "We are hopeful that we will be able to cover the requirement of the Phase-2 target for high-burden districts."

Joint Secretary in the Ministry S. Jagannathan said the cost of fortification was getting reduced as the programme expanded its ambit. He said malnutrition cost the country at least ₹77,000 crore annually in terms of lost productivity, illness and death. The country lost about 1% of GDP from anaemia.

"One rupee spent on nutritional interventions in India could generate ₹34.1-₹38.6 in public economic returns," he said.

Kapil Yadav, Additional Professor at Centre for Community Medicine, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi, said in his presentation that though there were some rare risks involved in fortified rice, the benefits were far more. "A disclaimer of rice fortification has been put in India unlike in other countries so that people are aware of what they are consuming," he said.

India is expanding its nuclear arsenal: SIPRI

'Number of warheads has risen to 160'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

India had 160 nuclear warheads as on January 2022 and it appears to be expanding its nuclear arsenal, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), a defence think tank, said on Monday.

Similarly, Pakistan also appears to be expanding its nuclear arsenal, the SIPRI said in a statement.

Chinese expansion

"China is in the middle of a substantial expansion of its nuclear weapon arsenal, which satellite images indicate includes the construction of over 300 new missile silos," the statement noted. China had 350 nuclear warheads in January 2021 and 2022, it stated.

"Even though the SIPRI's estimate of China's total inventory is the same as for January 2021, the number of stockpiled warheads potentially available for use has changed because new launchers became operational during 2021," it noted.

While India's nuclear stockpile increased from 156 in January 2021 to 160 in January 2022, Pakistan's nuclear stockpile has remained at 165, it claimed.

"India and Pakistan appear to be expanding their nuclear arsenals, and both countries introduced and continued to develop new types of nuclear delivery system in 2021," it claimed.

India does not share official data on its nuclear arsenal.

"India and Pakistan make statements about some of their missile tests but provide no information about the status or size of their arsenals," the SIPRI's statement said.

Refrain from publishing ads on online betting, media told

Gambling pose financial risk for consumers: I&B Ministry

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Information and Broadcasting Ministry has advised the print, electronic and digital media to refrain from publishing advertisements of online betting platforms.

The online and social media, including the online advertisement intermediaries and publishers, have been told not to display such advertisements in India or target them at the Indian audience. The advisory has been issued in view of a number of advertisements of online betting websites/platforms appearing in the print, electronic, social and online media.

"Betting and gambling, illegal in most parts of the country, pose significant financial and socio-economic risk for the consumers, especially the youth and children," said the Ministry, adding that such advertisements had the effect of promoting a largely prohibited activity.

"The advertisements of online betting are misleading, and do not appear to be in strict conformity with the Consumer Protection Act, Advertising Code under the Cable Television Networks Regulation Act, and advertisement norms under the Norms of Journalistic Conduct laid down by the Press Council of India under the Press Council Act," it said.

On December 4, 2020, the Ministry issued an advisory to private satellite TV channels to adhere to Advertising Standards Council of India guidelines on advertisements of online gaming that contained specific dos and don'ts for the print and audiovisual advertisements of online gaming.

Reacting to the development, All India Gaming Federation (AIGF) CEO Roland Landers said: "We are delighted to see our persistent efforts against offshore gambling platforms come to fruition."

Mr. Landers said that in the past seven years, the federation had been working towards creating awareness regarding the issue and pointing out that several offshore gambling websites were openly advertising online gambling through digital media platforms.

New norms for sentence remission

Ministry issues rules on release of prisoners to mark 75th year of Independence

S. VIJAY KUMAR
CHENNAI

The Union Home Ministry on Monday issued a set of guidelines to the States and the Union Territories on the grant of special remission to prisoners to commemorate the 75th year of Independence.

As part of the *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* celebrations, the special remission would be granted to a certain category of prisoners, and they would be released in three phases – August 15, 2022, January 26, 2023 and August 15, 2023.

The prisoners who would qualify for premature release under the scheme are women and transgender convicts of ages 50 and above and male convicts of 60 and above who have completed 50% of their total sentence period without counting the period of general remission earned.

The prisoners would be released in three phases. • GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Convicts with disabilities

Among others eligible for remission are physically challenged or disabled convicts with 70% disability and more who have completed 50% of their total sentence period, terminally ill convicts, convicted prisoners who have completed two-thirds (66%) of their total sentence and poor or indigent prisoners who have completed their sentence but are still in jail due to non-payment of fine imposed on them by waiving off the fine.

The Ministry said that persons who committed an offence at a young age (18-21) and with no other criminal involvement or case against them and who have completed 50% of their sentence period would also be eligible for the remission. The age of the convicts should be determined on the basis of the matriculation or birth certificate.

Persons convicted with death sentence or where death sentence has been commuted to life imprisonment or persons convicted for an offence for which punishment of death has been specified as one of the punishments would not be eligible for the grant of special remission, the Ministry said.

Persons convicted with sentence of life imprisonment, convicts involved in terrorist activities or persons convicted under the Terrorist and Disruptive (Prevention) Act, 1985, Prevention of Terrorist Act, 2002, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, Explosives Act, 1908, National Security Act, 1982, Official Secrets Act, 1923, and Anti-Hijacking Act, 2016, would not be eligible.

The States and the Union Territories were told to constitute a State-level screening committee comprising the Home Secretary, Law Secretary, Director or Inspector-General of Prisons to examine the cases of eligible persons.

SC helps student with learning disability

Gets her degree using special powers

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has crafted a victory for a disabled student by using its special powers under Article 142 to declare the successful completion of her Master of Designs course from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT).

The student, Naman Varma, submitted to be suffering from a learning disability called dyscalculia.

A three-judge Bench led by Justice U.U. Lalit said her qualification would "hold good for all practical purposes". The court directed that Ms. Varma should be handed over the degree and all other testimonials.

"We exercise our power under Article 142 of the Constitution and declare that the appellant has successfully completed the course of Master in Design and that the qualification shall hold good for all practical purposes," the court held.

Long cohabitation presumes marriage: SC

Judgment comes in an appeal filed on a suit of partition from Kerala

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The law presumes a couple to be married if they have lived together for long as man and wife, the Supreme Court said in a judgment on Monday.

A Bench of Justices S. Abdul Nazeer and Vikram Nath said "the law presumes in favour of marriage and not in a state of concubinage".

Though the presumption of marriage could be challenged, it would be a "heavy burden" for the one who seeks to deprive the relationship of a legal origin. The challenger has to prove that the couple are not married, Justice Nazeer, who authored the judgment, observed.

The judgment came in an appeal filed on a suit of partition from Kerala. Four sons and their heirs had coparcenary rights over a property. One of them had lived with a woman for years and had a son. The question before the courts was whether this son should be treated as an illegitimate child. The rival side contended that there were no documents or evidence to prove that the man and woman had tied the knot. They argued that a child from such a union had no right over a coparcenary property.

The trial court, however, ruled in favour of the couple's son. It presumed that his parents were married. It passed a preliminary decree for partition giving him a share of the property. The Kerala High Court, however, reversed the decision, saying the "marriage" between his parents was not valid.

The Supreme Court set aside the High Court decision, saying it would be almost impossible to find documentary evidence of a marriage which took place 50 years before the filing of the partition suit. Besides, there was evidence that the man had made periodic payments to the woman.

"A strong presumption arises in favour of wedlock where two partners have lived together for a long spell as husband and wife," the court quoted from its past judgments.

Archaeology board to meet after 8 years

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on Monday said that the Central Advisory Board of Archaeology (CABA) is expected to meet on June 14, nearly eight years after its last meeting in October 2014.

The Board, which is meant to bring together the officials of Centre, States and Universities as well as experts in the field of archaeology, was reconstituted on May 19.

THE CROSSWORD + 13582

(set by Afterdark)

To solve this puzzle online, get across to our crossword site @ *https://qrgo.page.link/jjpTn*

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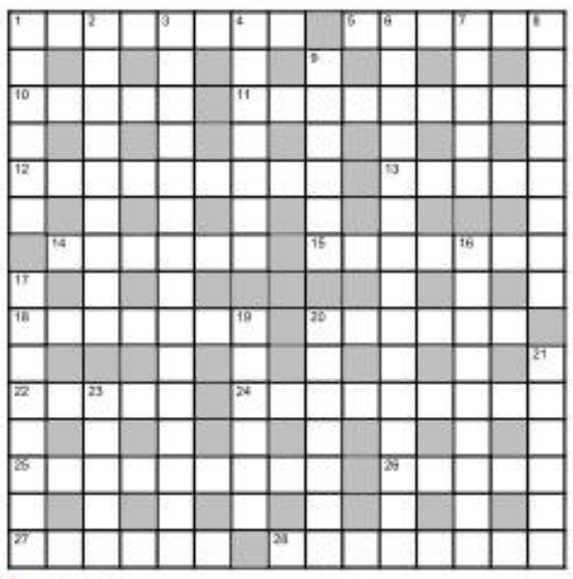

ACROSS

1 Termination of pregnancy is a blessing, right held by individual internally (8)
5 Comical! Removing head is related to eye? (6)
10 Boy or heartless girl, same brightness (5)
11 Articles covering news, setter returns over to university library, say (9)
12 Element of truth, minute adjustment of removing, time and again (9)
13 Beamed in agreement, checked recurring deposit (5)
14 Invest on gold, profit if not good, will be a bit decent (6)
15 Representation of God is supported by Democratic India Organisation leaders (7)
18 Basic hotel, WC is broken... (3-4)
20 ...frequently asking to find new inn and record arrival... (4,2)
22 ...frequently asking what's the appearance (5)
24 Guy with brown cap in reverse seen at CBD, NY (9)
25 Focus on including fund based on law in 22 (9)
26 Start in two, drop wife and pick up redhead (5)
27 Fabric colouring process you'll reportedly release on Yuletide, possibly (3-3)
28 As per auditor, politician's near building that's the abode of God (8)

DOWN

1 Could be a goat or a rabbit or a cat or the last one eating egg (6)
2 Worth upset (9)
3 Basically after a tantrum first, men agree (15)
4 Acclaim at work; about to quit only to get promoted (7)
6 V is the imaginary point of a body of matter.... (6,2,7)
7 Suspicious General removes odd ones in army (5)
8 Healing power finally lies with electronic media and law (8)
9 According to them, education involves a topic (6)
16 A retired knight's title, one becomes nothing – philosopher (9)
17 Fluorine combined with ashes over time leads to rapid development of rigidity in cement (5,3)
19 Respect motherland a little less over time (6)
20 One caught in problem gets refuge (7)
21 Order for junior officer to gather nine around (6)
23 Scorching sun; hobo, bum, cadge, all at the end get Sprite (5)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

Solution to puzzle 13581

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

A Tamil tradition

Welcoming guests and providing them a good meal has always been a tradition among Tamils, and Tamil literature stresses the importance of this, said Malayaman in a discourse. The Tamil word for guest is "virundinar." This means a person who is not known to one. In course of time, we forgot this meaning, and began to refer to relatives and friends as 'virundinar.' What is important is to provide food to a person whom one has never met before. When such a person arrives on one's doorstep, one must offer him something to eat. Such hospitality is known as 'virundhombal' in Tamil.

Thiruvalluvar says that virundhombal is one of the duties of a householder. In kural 43, Thiruvalluvar uses the words 'sutrathar' and 'virundinar.' Sutrathar means relatives. So here he clearly differentiates between relatives and unknown guests. Offering food to a relative or to a friend is no big deal. It is something we do automatically and enthusiastically. But to accord the same reception and to provide the same quality of food to a stranger is more difficult. We see the serving of a meal to a relative or a friend as not only a duty but as something that gives us joy. But we do not extend such large heartedness when it comes to strangers. But this is what ancient Tamils did. Thiruvalluvar has dedicated a whole section titled 'virundhombal,' where he describes its virtue. Sangam works like Perumpanatrupadai and Malaipadukadam record instances of the prevalence of this virtue among Tamils. When housewives could not offer food to virundinar due to unforeseen circumstances, they were sorry about it. Kannagi is sorrowful at not being able to offer such hospitality. Kamban writes of Sita's anguish at not being able to provide food to virundinar.

Russia seeks to encircle Severodonetsk

Ukrainian forces were pushed out of the city centre; Zelensky says fighting going on for 'every metre'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
KRAMATORSK

Ukraine said on Monday its forces had been pushed back from the centre of key industrial city Severodonetsk, where President Volodymyr Zelensky described a fight for "literally every metre".

The cities of Severodonetsk and Lysychansk, which are separated by a river, have been targeted for weeks as the last areas still under Ukrainian control in the eastern Luhansk region.

Regional Governor Sergiy Gaiday said on Monday Russian forces were "gathering more and more equipment" to "encircle" Severodonetsk, and that they had "pushed our troops from the centre and continue to destroy our city". The local Azot chemical plant, where hundreds of civilians have reportedly taken refuge, was being "heavily shelled", Mr. Gaiday said. Severodonetsk had been "de facto" blocked off after Russian forces blew up the "last" bridge connecting it to Lysychansk on Sunday, Eduard Basurin, a representative for pro-Russian separatists, said on Monday. "The Ukrainian units that are there, they are there forever. They have two options: to surrender or die," Mr. Basurin said.

Burnt to bits: A house destroyed during the shelling of Lysychansk in Donbas in Ukraine on Monday. • AFP

On Sunday, Mr. Zelensky said the latest fighting in Severodonetsk was "very fierce", adding that Russia was deploying undertrained troops and using its young men as "cannon fodder".

Russia's amassed artillery in that region gave it a ten-fold advantage, the commander-in-chief of the Ukrainian military, Valeriy Zaluzhny, said on Sunday. "Every metre of Ukrainian land there is covered in blood – but not only ours, but also the occupier's."

The capture of Severodonetsk would open the road for Moscow to another major city, Kramatorsk, in their steps toward conquering the whole of Donbas, a mainly Russian-speaking region partly held by pro-Russian separatists since 2014.

Russian forces said on Sunday they had struck a site in the town of Chortkiv in western Ukraine storing U.S.- and EU-supplied weapons. Russia's Defence Ministry said the strike destroyed a "large depot of anti-tank missile systems, portable air defence systems and shells provided to Kyiv by the U.S. and European countries".

Amnesty accuses Moscow of war crimes in Kharkiv

REUTERS
PARIS

Russia's relentless shelling of the eastern Ukrainian city of Kharkiv with cluster munitions and scatterable land mines amounts to a war crime that indiscriminately killed hundreds of civilians, Amnesty International said on Monday.

Ukraine's second-largest city Kharkiv was under near-constant bombardment from the beginning of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on February 24 until Ukrainian forces pushed the Russians away from the city in May. Ukraine has said 606 civilians were killed there and 6,00,000 evacuated.

Sri Lankan official resigns amid Adani project row

Ferdinando withdraws his statement, offers an apology

MEERA SRINIVASAN
JAFFNA

Chairman of the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) M.M.C. Ferdinando has resigned, days after he told a parliamentary committee that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had "pressured" Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to clear an Adani Group project in the island nation.

The senior Sri Lankan official subsequently withdrew the statement and apologised after President Gotabaya himself "vehemently denied" it. Minister of Power and Energy Kanchana Wijesekera said in a tweet on Monday afternoon: "I have accepted the letter of resignation tendered to me by the CEB Chairman Mr MMC Ferdinando. Vice-Chairman Nalinda Ilangakoon will take over as the New Chairman CEB."

MMC Ferdinando

The outgoing CEB Chairman's remarks pertained to a renewable energy project that the CEB, in March 2022, agreed to execute with the Adani Group, in Mannar and Pooneryn in Sri Lanka's Northern Province.

The agreement was finalised about five months after Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani's visit to Sri Lanka, when he met President Gotabaya and explored possible investments in the power and renewable energy sector. Mr. Ferdinando's statement to the Committee on Public Enterprises, broadcast by a private television channel, has drawn attention not only in Sri Lanka, but also in India. In a tweet on Sunday, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi said: "BJP's cronyism has now crossed Palk Strait and moved into Sri Lanka."

Higher rate

Meanwhile, Champika Ranawaka, Opposition lawmaker and a former Minister of Power and Energy, said the Adani Group had proposed a price of around 7.8 U.S. cents per unit, close to double the market rate. Opposition MP Harsha De Silva in a tweet asked President Gotabaya to instruct his office to release the MOU signed between the Government of Sri Lanka and Adani Green to the public.

U.K. to tweak post-Brexit trade rules

EU threatens action; Irish PM calls Britain's act of reneging on treaty 'regrettable'

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LONDON

Britain's government on Monday proposed new legislation that would unilaterally change post-Brexit trade rules for Northern Ireland, despite opposition from some U.K. lawmakers and EU officials who say the move violates international law.

The proposed Bill seeks to remove customs checks on some goods entering Northern Ireland from the rest of the U.K. That will override parts of the trade treaty that Prime Minister Boris Johnson signed with the European Union less than two years ago.

Boris Johnson

Britain's government maintains it is acting within international law, but the European Commission said it could take legal action against the U.K.

European Commission Vice President Maros Sefcovic said the EU's executive arm will consider launching new infringement procedures to "protect the EU single market from the risks that the violation of the protocol creates for EU businesses and for the health and safety of EU citizens."

In Ireland, Foreign Affairs Minister Simon Coveney said the Bill "marks a particular low point in the U.K.'s approach to Brexit." The Irish Prime Minister, Micheal Martin, said it was "very regrettable for a country like the U.K. to renege on an international treaty."

'Trivial changes'

Brushing aside criticism, Mr. Johnson told reporters that the proposed change is "relatively simple to do."

"Frankly, it's a relatively trivial set of adjustments in the grand scheme of things," he told *LBC Radio*.

He argued that his government's "higher and prior legal commitment" is to the 1998 Good Friday agreement that brought peace and stability to Northern Ireland.

Meeting with Wei Fenghe vital: Austin

REUTERS
BANGKOK

U.S. Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin said on Monday that his meeting with China's Defence Minister was an important step in efforts to develop lines of communication between the two militaries.

Mr. Austin and Chinese Defence Minister General Wei Fenghe met on the sidelines of the Shangri-La Dialogue security summit in Singapore for nearly an hour on Friday, with both sides standing firm on their opposing views over Taiwan's right to rule itself.

Despite tensions between the United States and China, U.S. military officials have long sought to have open lines of communication with their Chinese counterparts.

"It was an important step in our efforts to develop open lines of communication with PLA leadership ... It was an important opportunity to raise our concerns about the potential for instability in the Taiwan Strait," Mr. Austin told reporters during a visit to Thailand.

Google to pay women employees $118 million

Gender discrimination suit settled

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NEW YORK

Google said on Sunday that it was "very pleased" to be settling, without admission of wrongdoing, a class-action lawsuit that argued it underpaid women employees and assigned them lower-ranking positions.

The tech-giant has refused to acknowledge any practices of wrongdoing.

The $118 million settlement covers about 15,500 women employees who have worked for the company in California since September 2013, the law firms Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP and Altshuler Berzon LLP said.

The company also agreed for a third party to analyse its hiring and compensation practices.

In a statement to *AFP*, Google said that "while we strongly believe in the equity of our policies and practices, after nearly five years of litigation, both sides agreed that resolution of the matter."

In 2017, several former Google employees sued the company in a San Francisco court, accusing it of paying women less than men for equivalent positions and assigning women lower positions than men with similar experiences because they had previously earned smaller salaries.

According to a copy of the agreement released by the law firms, "Google denies all of the allegations in the lawsuit and maintains that it has fully complied with all applicable laws, rules and regulations at all times."

A judge must still approve the agreement, the two law firms for the plaintiffs said.

Google previously agreed in 2021 to pay $3.8 million to the U.S. Department of Labor over accusations it had discriminated against women and Asians.

UAE bans exhibition of Pixar movie

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DUBAI

The United Arab Emirates on Monday banned the upcoming Pixar animated feature *Lightyear* from showing in movie theaters after its inclusion of a kiss between two lesbian characters.

The decision by the UAE comes as Malaysia also reportedly will ban the film, raising the possibility other Muslim-majority nations could follow suit on one of Disney's biggest animated films of the year as the film industry comes out of the depths of the pandemic.

The film "is not licensed for public screening in all cinemas in the UAE, due to its violation of the country's media content standards," announced the Media Regulatory Office of the country's Ministry of Youth and Culture.

The movie, with actor Chris Evans voicing the inspiration for the Buzz Lightyear action figure from the *Toy Story* films, includes a female character voiced by actress Uzo Aduba kissing her female partner.

Gunmen kill 55 people in Burkina Faso

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OUAGADOUGOU

Gunmen killed at least 55 people over the weekend in northern Burkina Faso, authorities said on Monday, the latest attack in the West African country seeing mounting violence blamed on Islamic extremists.

Suspected militants targeted civilians in Seytenga in Seno province, government spokesman Wendkouni Joel Lionel Bilgo said at a news conference. While the government put the official toll at 55, others put the figure far higher.

Belongings of missing scribe, expert found in Brazil: police

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
ATALAIA DO NORTE

Personal items belonging to a missing British journalist and an indigenous expert have been found in the Amazon region where the men disappeared one week ago, the Brazilian Federal Police said on Sunday.

The latest advancement in the case came just hours after friends and relatives of the pair – freelance journalist Dom Phillips and respected specialist Bruno Pereira – held a vigil on a beach in Rio de Janeiro, with one family member saying she had lost hope that they would emerge from the jungle alive.

"Objects belonging to the two missing persons have been found: a health card, black pants, a black sandal and a pair of boots belonging to Bruno Pereira, and a pair of boots and a backpack belonging to Dom Phillips containing personal clothing," the Federal Police in Amazonas state said in statement.

Fears have been mounting over the fate of Phillips, 57, a veteran contributor to *The Guardian* newspaper, and 41-year-old Pereira, an expert with Brazil's government agency for indigenous affairs (Funai) since they disappeared last Sunday after receiving threats during a research trip to Javari Valley.

The far-flung jungle region has seen a surge of illegal fishing, logging, mining and drug trafficking.

The Amazonas Fire Department had previously told local media that personal effects possibly belonging to the missing men had been found "near the house" of Amarildo Costa de Oliveira, the only person arrested so far in the case and who witnesses say pursued the men upriver.

Rohingya to mark 5 years in camps

Refugees say they are waiting for repatriation to Rakhine, their home state

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
KUTUPALONG, COX'S BAZAR

Nurul Amin has spent nearly five years in the Kutupalong refugee camps near the border of Bangladesh and Myanmar where green hills meet the Bay of Bengal. Five years ago, he worked with a Norwegian NGO in Maungdaw of Rakhine state, where the Myanmar military carried out a campaign that made normal living impossible for the members of the Rohingya community.

To escape the daily threat of murder and violence, Mr. Amin rowed his way along with others crossing rivers and the Bay of Bengal. "We could not use boats with engines because the Myanmar military would shoot at the boats. To survive, we took the boats with oars," Mr. Amin said, recollecting his escape.

He has been living with his family of six in Kutupalong, where they took refuge after crossing the waters. But five years later, they see no hope for a return.

The Myanmar that the Rohingya left behind in August 2017 has changed.

On February 1, 2021, Myanmar witnessed a military coup and the previous government led by Aung San Suu Kyi was dislodged by the military junta. Ms. Suu Kyi, a Nobel peace prize winner, was criticised for being cold toward the Rohingya crisis but the future appears bleaker during the military's rule as the country remains caught in a violent internal conflict and is boycotted in international platforms.

Exodus from Rakhine

Beginning with the early 1990s, the Rohingya left Rakhine in multiple waves to escape the violent campaigns launched by the military.

Over the years, the situation became increasingly difficult for the community. Mohammed Amin, who worked as a teacher in a madarsa, remembered that the Myanmar military would raid homes and demand money. "We had to pay the local officials even if we wanted to own cattle," he said.

Rohingya have been living in the relative safety of refugee camps in Cox's Bazar.

The haunting memories refuse to go away for the Rohingya who have been living in the relative safety of the refugee camps in Cox's Bazar but they have become part of another kind of problem. Security officials in Bangladesh have observed that some community members have become a safe conduit for the smuggling of Yaba, an expensive recreational drug.

Yaba, a combination of methamphetamine and caffeine, produces powerful effects and the Rohingya who are proficient in languages on both sides of the border provide an efficient way to disseminate this drug, say security officials.

Many within the community, like Nurul Amin, are working to address the problem the community faces, which includes the denial of education, influence of radicalism and links with criminal gangs.

The hills in Kutupalong were deforested to make space for the Rohingya but over the last five years, refugees have planted trees that have brought the green cover back to some degree.

The world may be busy dealing with the war in Ukraine but the Rohingya are waiting for repatriation to Rakhine state, where they want to live in safety, with dignity.

"Every one of us wants to return. The international community should come forward to help," Mr. Nurul Amin said.

The writer was in Bangladesh on an invitation from the government.

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MARKET WATCH

	13-06-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	52,847	-2.68
US Dollar	78.04	-0.14
Gold	51,270	0.93
Brent oil	122.1	–

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	695.25	-31.15
Apollo Hosp	3651.90	-48.60
Asian Paints	2660.75	-48.00
Axis Bank	648.95	-15.75
Bajaj Auto	3881.25	0.25
Bajaj Finserv	11386.05	-667.45
Bajaj Finance	5358.25	-109.25
Bharti Airtel	671.30	-2.05
BPCL	317.95	-13.05
Britannia Ind	3359.00	-1.85
Cipla	954.75	-12.05
Coal India	191.05	-7.45
Divis Lab	3474.15	-53.90
Dr Reddys Lab	4267.20	-84.35
Eicher Motors	2700.80	-12.05
Grasim Ind	1292.55	-33.95
HCL Tech	991.80	-23.55
HDFC	2128.45	-51.35
HDFC Bank	1326.60	-24.50
HDFC Life	582.00	-11.10
Hero MotoCorp	2598.80	-3.15
Hindalco	366.45	-19.30
Hind Unilever	2196.90	-3.00
ICICI Bank	688.00	-32.00
Indusind Bank	865.45	-47.75
Infosys	1424.50	-52.30
ITC	264.65	-5.50
JSW Steel	564.00	-8.50
Kotak Bank	1737.35	-54.45
L&T	1532.05	-53.05
M&M	1004.30	-32.20
Maruti Suzuki	7901.60	-33.50
Nestle India Ltd.	16854.45	79.55
NTPC	148.90	-4.35
ONGC	159.55	-5.10
PowerGrid Corp	222.35	-2.10
Reliance Ind	2662.90	-51.35
SBI Life	1133.70	-21.20
State Bank	445.85	-14.00
Shree Cement	19135.65	-41.20
Sun Pharma	829.50	-16.20
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	735.95	-20.65
Tata Motors	406.70	-21.35
Tata Steel	991.95	-31.75
TCS	3219.60	-140.30
Tech Mahindra	1051.95	-57.90
Titan	2102.40	-39.85
UltraTech Cement	5356.15	-154.90
UPL	726.40	-8.00
Wipro	446.10	-14.85

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 13

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	77.84	78.16
Euro	81.37	81.70
British Pound	94.76	95.15
Japanese Yen (100)	57.90	58.14
Chinese Yuan	11.56	11.61
Swiss Franc	78.35	78.67
Singapore Dollar	55.95	56.19
Canadian Dollar	60.50	60.76
Malaysian Ringgit	17.61	17.69
Australian Dollar	54.18	54.41

Source: Indian Bank

Rupee weakens past 78, stocks slide eyeing Fed rate increase

Finance, tech shares drag; rupee hits record low of 78.04 against dollar

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Benchmark equity indices plunged more than 2.6% on Monday and the rupee weakened past 78 to a fresh low against the dollar on anticipation that the Federal Reserve would further raise interest rates to curb soaring U.S. inflation.

The S&P BSE Sensex, dropped 1,457 points, or 2.68%, to 52,846.70 points. Stocks that fell the most include Bajaj Finserv (7.02%), Bajaj Finance (5.44%), IndusInd Bank (5.27%), Tech Mahindra (4.845), ICICI Bank (4.46%) and TCS (4.31%).

"U.S. markets are weak on worse-than-expected inflation (8.6%) and markets expect aggressive monetary tightening by the Fed [in the policy meeting this week]," said V.K. Vijayakumar, chief investment strategist, Geojit Financial Services.

Dip, dip, dip: The 78.50 mark could offer support to the rupee in the near term, says Religare's Sachdeva • C. VENKATACHALAPATHY

"This is unfavourable to risky assets like equities. Rising dollar and bond yields in U.S. will force more selling by Foreign Portfolio Investors in India," he added.

The NSE Nifty 50 too lost 427 points, or 2.64%, to 15,774.40. Due to continued and more aggressive selling by FPIs, the rupee breached the 78 level against the dollar for the first time, to close 11 paise lower at 78.04.

"The outlook on the rupee is negative for the near term given the concerns about the aggressive rate hike campaign by the U.S. Fed and the advance seen in the U.S. dollar towards a four-week high," said Sugandha Sachdeva, VP, Commodities & Currency Research at Religare Broking.

In the near term, "the 78.50 mark is likely to provide support to the local unit," she added.

NCLAT junks Amazon appeal against CCI suspending FRL deal

Tribunal upholds ₹200-crore penalty imposed on U.S. firm

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NEW DELHI

In a major setback to Amazon, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) rejected the U.S. e-commerce company's appeal against an antitrust suspension of its investment deal with Future Group, saying the retailer had not made full disclosures at the time of seeking approval.

NCLAT also upheld a ₹200-crore penalty imposed on Amazon by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) and asked the e-commerce firm to deposit the same in 45 days.

It supported the CCI findings that Amazon didn't make full disclosures regarding the deal with Future Retail subsidiary – Future Coupons Pvt. Ltd. (FCPL).

In its order, NCLAT said, "Amazon has not made full, whole, forthright and frank disclosures of relevant materials.

"It had furnished only limited disclosures pertaining to acquiring its strategic rights and interest in FRL (Future Retail Ltd.)" and executing the commercial contract.

"In this regard, this appellate tribunal is in complete agreement with the view arrived at by the first respondent (CCI)," said the NCLAT.

The competition watchdog had on December 17, 2021, levied a ₹200-crore penalty on Amazon and suspended its deal with Future, stating that the U.S. firm had deliberately suppressed the actual scope and purpose of the 2019 investment and made false and incorrect statements. Amazon had challenged the decision, arguing that it had not concealed any information.

Debt MFs saw ₹32,722-cr. outflow in May: AMFI

'Rising rates, volatility alter priorities'

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NEW DELHI

Mutual funds focussed on investing in fixed-income securities witnessed a net outflow of ₹32,722 crore in May in the wake of Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) stance on monetary policy turning hawkish to tackle inflation driven by global factors.

Inflows to the tune of ₹54,656 crore were seen in April, data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) showed.

In addition, there has been a reduction in the number of folios from 73.43 lakh to 72.87 lakh folios between April and May.

Debt funds have always been considered as a safer investment option, especially during volatile markets.

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However, rising interest rates, a volatile macro environment and higher yields have likely impacted investors' investing preferences within debt markets.

Kavita Krishnan, senior analyst – Manager Research, Morningstar India, said rising food, commodity and fuel prices, among other macro factors like the Ukraine war, likely led to the rate hikes of 40 basis points in May. Moreover, RBI's focus on curbing inflation led to expectations of further rate hikes going forward.

LIC shares tumble almost 6%

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NEW DELHI

Shares of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) continued to fall for the tenth day running on Monday and tumbled almost 6%.

The stock tanked 5.85% to settle at ₹668.20 apiece on the BSE. On the NSE, it slid 5.66% to end at ₹669.50 apiece.

Shares of the company have been falling for the past ten days, losing 20.17%.

The stock has declined 29.6% so far from its issue price of ₹949.

"LIC tumbles as anchor lock-in ends," said Mohit Nigam, head – PMS at Hem Securities.

India's coal imports likely to drop 11% to 186 mt in FY23

Non-coking coal imports may touch 130 mt, forecast shows

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NEW DELHI

India's coal import is likely to decline by 11.4% to 186 million tonnes (mt) in the current financial year, even as the state-owned firm has issued import tenders to source the dry fuel from overseas.

Coal India Ltd., which accounts for more than 80% of domestic coal output, last week issued tenders to import coal in a bid to build up the stock of fossil fuel at the indigenous power plants, as mandated by the government. The country imported 210 mt of coal in 2021-22.

According to the medium-term projections of the Ministry of Coal, of the 186 mt

of coal that the company is expected to import in the ongoing fiscal, 130 mt is non-coking coal and 56 mt is coking coal.

India may import 172 mt of coal in 2024-25, 173 mt in 2027-28, and 170 mt in 2029-30. The country imported 215 mt of coal in FY21 and 249 mt in FY20, the Coal Ministry said.

Coal India Ltd. (CIL) last week floated its maiden tender to import 2.416 million tonnes of coal and two international competitive bidding e-tenders of 3 million tonnes each to source coal from overseas.

The import tender was floated after the government asked the company to build up stock of the fossil fuel to avoid the recurrence of power outages, which happened in April on account of shortage of the fuel.

Though CIL is on full steam in augmenting production to meet demand, this is a step towards a state of readiness to combat a coal-supply crunch in future, if any, the PSU said.

Russia is now 2nd-biggest oil vendor to India

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NEW DELHI

Russia has overtaken Saudi Arabia to become India's second-biggest supplier of oil behind Iraq as refiners snap up Russian crude available at a deep discount following the war in Ukraine, industry data showed.

Indian refiners bought about 25 million barrels of Russian oil in May, or more than 16% of all their oil imports.

Russian-origin crude hit 5% of India's total seaborne imports in April for the first time, rising from under 1% throughout 2021 and Q1 2022, the data showed.

Iraq remained the top supplier to India in May and Saudi Arabia is now the third-biggest supplier.

IN BRIEF

Cryptocurrency market value falls below $1 tn

LONDON

The cryptocurrency market's value on Monday fell below $1 trillion for the first time since January 2021, according to data site CoinMarketCap. It has lost $1 trillion in value in the last two months alone as investors ditched riskier assets in the face of high inflation and fears that interest rate raises by central banks would hamper growth. REUTERS

Foxconn unit gets SEBI nod for ₹5,000-crore IPO

NEW DELHI

Bharat FIH, a subsidiary of FIH Mobiles and a Foxconn Technology Group firm, has received SEBI's nod to raise ₹5,000 crore through an initial public offering (IPO). The initial share-sale comprises fresh issue of shares worth ₹2,502 crore and an offer for sale of up to ₹2,502 crore by the promoter group and Foxconn unit Wonderful Stars, as per the draft red herring prospectus. Bharat FIH makes devices for Xiaomi and Nokia. PTI

Amara Raja to start green hydrogen outlet in Leh

HYDERABAD

Amara Raja Power Systems will set up a green hydrogen fuelling station, the first such in the country, in Leh, Ladakh, for the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). The pilot project will produce a minimum of 80kg/day of 99.97% pure hydrogen that will be compressed, stored and dispensed, the firm said. NTPC, which has awarded the contract, plans to ply 5 hydrogen fuel cell buses in the region.

AAI seeks waiver of annual dividend for FY22

NEW DELHI

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has requested the government to waive the compulsory dividend payment requirement for the financial year ended March 2022, in lieu of the waiver of Air India's dues done prior to the sale of the carrier. State-owned AAI, which is in the red mainly after the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, is expected to post a loss of ₹800-900 crore in 2021-22 fiscal. PTI

Railways eyes start-ups to raise efficiency

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
NEW DELHI

The Indian Railways on Monday announced an Innovation Policy to leverage technologies developed by Indian start-ups to improve its operational efficiency and safety.

Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said about ₹50 crore had been earmarked to fund such start-ups annually, adding that the intellectual property rights (IPR) for any innovations would remain with the innovator.

The Railways would invest in start-ups to get solutions to problems such as rail fracture, headway reduction, automation of track-inspection activities, development of analytical tool by using digital data for improving passenger services and track cleaning machine, among others.

Srei transaction auditor flags ₹3,025-crore fraud

Transactions pertain to FY20, FY21

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NEW DELHI

Srei Equipment Finance on Monday said its administrator has received a report from the transaction auditor about certain fraudulent transactions in FY20 and FY21, bearing a monetary impact of more than ₹3,025 crore on the Srei group.

The Reserve Bank had, in October last year, superseded the boards of Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited (SIFL) and its wholly owned subsidiary Srei Equipment Finance Limited (SEFL).

It then appointed a committee to assist the administrator of the two firms. The Srei group companies, which are undergoing corporate insolvency resolution process, came under duress during the Coronavirus-induced lockdown, as non-payment from its customers led to asset-liability mismatches.

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"The administrator received an initial report from the professional agency appointed as the transaction auditor, indicating there are certain transactions which are fraudulent in nature, as per Section 66 of the [Insolvency and Bankruptcy] Code. Basis the investigation, the administrator has filed an application in respect of disbursements made to certain entities," SIFL said in a filing.

Govt. may pursue recovery of $3.85 bn from Reliance, partners

'Centre has right to seek leave of court to challenge judgment'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The government on Monday said it would pursue recovery of $3.85 billion from Reliance Industries and its partners in the Panna/Mukta and Tapti oil and gas fields case and is mulling an appeal against an English court order over cost recovery dispute in the same fields.

Reacting to an English High Court last week dismissing India's appeal against a $111 million international arbitration award in favour of Reliance Industries Ltd. and Shell-owned BG Exploration and Production India Ltd (BGEPIL), the government in a statement said it had the right to seek leave of the English commercial court to challenge this judgment. Reliance and BGEPIL had in December 2010 dragged the Centre to arbitration over cost-recovery provisions, profit due to the state and amount of statutory dues including royalty payable.

Arbitration award

A three-member arbitration panel by majority issued a final partial award in October 2016 upholding the government view that profit from the fields should be calculated after deducting prevailing tax of 33% and not the 50% rate that existed earlier.

The government used this award to seek $3.85 billion in dues from Reliance and BGEPIL.

Reliance-BGEPIL challenged the award – under nine heads – before the English Commercial Court.

"In April, 2018 the English Court passed a judgment, in favor of Union of India," the Centre said, dismissing 8 out of 9 challenges.

Both parties challenged the 2018 award before the English Commercial Court. The court disagreed with the tribunal's denial of cost of $259 million and in March 2020, remitted this part of the 2018 award back to the Tribunal. "The Tribunal heard the matter again and in January 2021 awarded a further sum of $111 million in favour of the contractors. This was challenged by the Government before the English Commercial Court."

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. MYS-COMML-28-SWEETSTALL Dated: 08.06.2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites tender for award of license to install and operate Sweet Stall at Mysuru Railway Station on Platform 1 on Mysuru Division for a period of five years.

Last date for submission of bids: Up to 12:00 hrs. of 18.07.2022

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I **Mr. G. Prakash** S/o Late Smt. T.G. LAVANYA would like to inform the general public that the following original documents in favor of my late mother Smt. T.G. LAVANYA bearing document number of lease cum sale deed **(6098 of 149-152 page 555 volume of book -1dt 29-Dec-94)** registered at Sub Register Office, Bangalore, possession certificate of absolute sale deed **(PC No. 0512 site 453 dt. 23-11-11), BDA khata (BDA/453/11.12 Dt. 20-12-2011), NTI society letter (NTI/HS/I/KTH/7/372 Dt. 29-01-2011)**, and original documents of my father Late **Sri K.G. Gubbaiah** bearing possession certificate (no 1629 site no. 453 dt. 28-12-94), NTI Society letter **(NTI/HS/I/KTH/7/372/2012-13)** has been lost/misplaced. An FIR for the same has been lodge with Karnataka Police. If any person finds it please inform me on my mobile - **9900568916** within 15 days to the following address.

G. Prakash, No. 639 'D' 7th Main, 1st Cross, Vijaya Bank Layout, Bangalore.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN EPC E-TENDER NOTICE (SINGLE STAGE TWO PACKET SYSTEM) (SURVEY & CONSTRUCTION)

Chief Administrative Officer (Construction), North Western Railway, 5th Floor, Near Jawahar Circle, Jaipur for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open EPC E-Tender. Tenderer shall on-line submit their original/revised offer before the date and time of Bid due date. **1. E -Tender Notice No :** NWR-SC-EPC-JP-T-926 **2. Name of work with location :** Major upgradation of Jaipur Railway Station of North Western Railway on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) **3. Mode of Tender :** Single Stage Two Packet **4. Approximate cost of work. :** Rs. 616,22,00,000/- **5. Earnest Money to be deposited :** Rs. 200,00,000/- **6. Completion Period :** 42 (Forty Two) Months **7. Pre bid conference date & Venue :** 22/06/2022 at 11.00 (AM) at NWR HQ office, Near Jawahar Circle Jaipur-302017 **8. Bid due Date and time for Online submission on e-Procurement Portal :** By 14.00 hrs. (IST) on 30/07/2022 **9. Physical submission of all documents :** 06/08/2022 at office of Dy. Chief Engineer/Const-III, Near Jagatpura Railway Phatak, North Western Railway, Jaipur-302017 **10. Date and Time of Opening of Bid :** At 11.00 hrs (IST) on 06/08/2022 at office of Dy. Chief Engineer/Const-III, Near Jagatpura Railway Phatak, North Western Railway, Jaipur-302017 **11. Website particulars where complete details of E-Tender can be seen : www.ireps.gov.in. Note:- No manual tender will be accepted.**

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KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
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No: KBJNL/IBC/D-1/PB-1/Tender/2022-23/88 Date: 30-05-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION CALL-2

(ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL IBC Divn No-1 Kembhavi, the under signed invites tenders on Providing and installing 8 numbers of new VT pump and motors to Indi lift scheme (Gutti Basavanna) at Kembhavi jackwell, Tq Shorapur Dist Yadgir with operation and Maintenance for a period of Five years (Civil work: Intake canal lining)(I.N.21893) from A valid Copy of registration certificate as class-I and above contractors registered in KPWD. Amounting to Rs. 99.87 lakhs EMD:2.00 Lakhs. The tenderers are required to submit tenders in two cover system (The blank tenders can be obtained through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and can be submitted through electronic tender box).

1) The contractors can request for e-tendering documents from 15-06-2022 to 22-06-2022 in the web site http: www. eproc.karnataka.gov.in / e-portal, 2) Last date for Submission of completed e-tendering documents will be 22-06-2022 upto 4.30 PM, 3) Technical bid shall be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.IBC div no.1 Kembhavi on 24-06-2022 at 11.00 AM. In respect of bidders whose tender fee has been confirmed on the e – Tendering platform. 4) Financial bid shall be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.IBC div no.1 Kembhavi on 28-06-2022 at 11.00 AM. In respect of bidders whose tender fee has been confirmed on the e – Tendering platform. 5) If any of the dates mentioned above happened to be a general holiday, the next working day holds good. 6) Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender shall have the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KBJNL IBC Division-1 Kembhavi,

DIP/Yadgiri/97/MC&A/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
INDIAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANISATION (ISRO)
ISRO-TELEMETRY TRACKING & COMMAND NETWORK (ISTRAC)
(CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP)
Plot No.12&13, 3rd Main, 2nd Phase, Peenya Industrial Estate, Bengaluru-58.
Ph: 080-28094186, 28094541 Fax: 080-28094180,

BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of President of India, sealed item rate e-tender is invited online from Contractors of appropriate class for following works in NIT by Group Head, ISTRAC, ISRO, Peenya, Bengaluru-58, (Ph: 20809 4541).

Name of work	**Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 2x200 Kva UPS Systems at 18mtr Antenna buildings IDSN campus, ISTRAC, Byalalu, Bengaluru.**	**Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 2x100 Kva UPS Systems at 32mtr Antenna buildings IDSN campus, ISTRAC, Byalalu, Bengaluru.**
e-tenders notice	**ISTRAC/CMG/E/CON/ETN-09/2022-2023 dated: 10.06.2022**	**ISTRAC/CMG/E/CON/ETN-12/2022-2023 dated: 10.06.2022**
Estimated Cost put at tender	**Rs. 45.29 lakhs**	**Rs. 33.37 lakhs**
Tender Document details	**e-Tenders**	**e-Tenders**
Period of Completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	**03 months**	**03 months**
Period during which tender documents can be downloaded	**From 14.06.2022 to 28.06.2022 till 16.00 hrs.**	
Bid clarifications	**From 15.06.2022 to 29.06.2022 till 16.00 hrs.**	
Last date of reply to Bid clarification	**30.06.2022 up to 16.00 hrs.**	
Last date & time for receipt of tenders	**01.07.2022 up to 16.00 hrs.**	
Due date & time of opening of tenders	**05.07.2022 after 11.00 hrs.**	
EMD	**Rs. 90,580.00**	**Rs.66,740.00**

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details from website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender document from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/- Group Head-CMG

BCCI's shift of focus to digital attracts enthusiastic response

The heartbeat: The fans have made the Indian Premier League one of the most popular tournaments in the world. •SPORTZPICS/IPL

The cumulative revenue is set to skyrocket beyond calculations

IPL MEDIA RIGHTS

AMOL KARHADKAR
BENGALURU

Just as in life, timing is critical to success in cricket. In the business of cricket, the Board of Control for Cricket for Cricket in India (BCCI) seems to have timed its move to shift focus to the digital world while awarding media rights to the Indian Premier League (IPL) just right.

As a result, the cumulative revenue the BCCI can expect looks likely to overhaul that through the conventional television rights model.

Whopping bids

On the second day of the e-auction, the digital rights for the next five-year cycle were locked at a whopping ₹50 crore, 51.50% above the base price set at ₹33 crore per year.

TV rights for the Indian subcontinent were awarded for ₹57.50 crore per game, with a 17.3% increase from the base price of ₹49 crore.

The story doesn't end there. The BCCI has devised a new package of non-exclusive rights for India for the digital category. A clutch of 100 games spread over the next five seasons – as against a total of 410 matches – may be bid for by various digital platforms.

Incremental challenge

At the end of Monday's proceedings, the highest bid for these 100 games stood at ₹18.75 crore per game.

However, with the primary digital rights holder – understood to be Viacom 18-Paramount combine – having the option of entering into an incremental challenge round with the highest bidder, the BCCI's assured revenue is set to further skyrocket on Tuesday.

Ahead of the e-auction, BCCI secretary Jay Shah had stressed that with India developing into a mobile-heavy country, the BCCI had created the two digital packages. And, the BCCI, it seems, has its finger on the pulse.

India seeks ways to halt the Proteas juggernaut

Hosts need to bolster their bowling attack as South Africa would be keen to seal the series

SA IN INDIA

S. DINAKAR
VISAKHAPATNAM

South Africa will be moving in for the kill even as India fights to stay alive. It should be a fascinating game of life and death in the series.

The third Twenty20 international at the ACA-VDCA stadium on Tuesday has all the ingredients of a pot-boiler.

The Proteas, leading 2-0 in the five match series, could emerge the series winner with a victory here.

Can the South African juggernaut be stopped? India has to make some tough calls.

Bhuveneshwar Kumar was brilliant with his line control, movement and pace variations on a testing Cuttack pitch where a total just short of 150 was defendable. However, the rest of the attack disappointed.

In the first game, the Indian attack failed to defend a total beyond 200 on a flat deck. The bowling is leaking runs.

Arshdeep Singh, apart from giving India the left-arm variety, can send down incisive yorkers in the end overs. He has pace, heart and skill.

At full tilt: Bhuvneshwar, who delivered a superb spell at Cuttack, needs a new-ball partner who can keep up the pressure at the other end. •SPORTZPICS/BCCI

India can also unleash the fast and furious Umran Malik, among the quickest in the world.

Umran could hustle the Proteas, trouble and scalp them. Like Arshdeep he has a potent yorker of speed and accuracy.

Going into the attacking mode, India could play Ravi Bishnoi and Yuzvendra Chahal together as a leg-spinning duo. The Proteas can be vulnerable against leg-spin and Bishnoi and Chahal are different in the way they bowl.

Heroes

The South Africans have been remarkable in the manner they have overcome the odds with situations throwing up heroes.

Key batsman Aiden Markram was ruled out for at least a week with Covid-19 but stepped up magnificently in the first game.

The decision to promote all-rounder Dwaine Pretorius in the series opener was a master-stroke.

Ace wicket-keeper batsman Quinton de Kock's hand injury ruled him out of the second game but his replacement, Heinrich Klassen, conjured an innings of some sensational power hitting to enable South Africa reach the target.

Rassie van der Dussen stepped up magnificently in the first game.

Then, South African has David Miller in the form of his life. The southpaw is not just striking the ball hard and long, but doing so with a calm head, authority and confidence; his shot selection has improved markedly.

The fiery pace attack of Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje along with the support seamers and the spinners, Keshav Maharaj and Tabraiz Shamsi, should probe the Indians on a surface expected to possess good bounce and carry.

With plenty riding on it, the game should test the character of both teams.

The teams (from):

India: Rishabh Pant (Capt.), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Ishan Kishan, Shreyas Iyer, Hardik Pandya, Deepak Hooda, Dinesh Karthik, Axar Patel, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Avesh Khan, Yuzvendra Chahal, Harshal Patel, Venkatesh Iyer, Ravi Bishnoi, Arshdeep Singh, and Umran Malik.

South Africa: Temba Bavuma (Capt.), Quinton de Kock, Rassie van der Dussen, Heinrich Klaasen, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Dwaine Pretorius, Wayne Parnell, Kagiso Rabada, Anrich Nortje, Keshav Maharaj, Tabraiz Shamsi, Lungi Ngidi, Marco Jansen, Reeza Hendricks, and Tristan Stubbs.

Play starts at 7 p.m.

Karthik – a pocket powerhouse who is still buzzing

His comeback to the Indian team is a triumph of the spirit

S. DINAKAR
VISAKHAPATNAM

For Dinesh Karthik, confidence and self-belief, both are intertwined, are everything.

Last year before he travelled to the United Kingdom for a commentary stint, Karthik, during a chat, looked forward to the second half of the upcoming IPL in the Middle East, and said a good performance from him could fetch him a place in the Twenty20 World Cup.

Here was a man who had been dropped from the Indian team, was on the wrong side of 30s, yet never stopped trusting himself.

The IPL in the Middle East did not go too well for Karthik, representing KKR, and he failed to make the cut to the Indian team for the World Cup.

Karthik still did not lose hope in his quest for an Indian place. He was experienced, skilful, and was competing with a bunch of exciting young cricketers.

Came the mega auction and Karthik was picked up by the Royal Challengers Bangalore. Then arrived the remarkable turnaround.

Karthik. •PTI

Astonishingly fit for someone who was 36 - he turned 37 twelve days ago - Karthik employed his terrific bat speed, footwork reflexes, finding rare angles on the field to send the ball speeding between the fielders and clearing the ground with ease. The rejuvenated Karthik was explosive as a Finisher, soaking in the pressure that comes with the role, and delivering whiplashed boundaries and clubbed sixes for RCB when it counted the most. He was, incredibly, sweeping pacemen for sixes!

His 330 runs - Karthik, on most occasions surfaced only after the 15th over - were scored at a mind-boggling strike rate of 183.33.

The selectors were watching and with no better Finisher in the country, Karthik was drafted back into the Indian team.

The lively, energetic and engaging Karthik has a heart larger than his frame. His comeback into the Indian team is a triumph-of-the-spirit story.

And his 21-ball unbeaten 30 on a tricky Cuttack pitch and against the probing South African attack in the ongoing series was another job well done by the Finisher.

DK, the pocket powerhouse, is still buzzing! Good things do come in small packages!

New Zealand collapse gives England hope

The visitors slip to 224 for seven at close; Anderson takes his 650th wicket

NZ IN ENGLAND

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NOTTINGHAM

New Zealand collapsed to 224 for seven as England gave itself a chance to chase a dramatic series victory by close of play on the fourth day of the second cricket Test.

The Kiwis lost five wickets for 110 runs in a tense evening session at Trent Bridge and head into the final day with a lead of 238.

With three wickets left, New Zealand faces a difficult period on Tuesday morning as it tries to bat its way to safety.

Daryl Mitchell was 32 not out and Matt Henry on eight, and if England can rattle through the tail, it will fancy itself in a thrilling run chase.

England chased down 277 to win the first Test at Lord's thanks to a Joe Root century.

A second successive victory over the Test World champion would give England its first series triumph since January 2021.

While England will be confident, it must heed the lesson of New Zealand's sloppy second innings, which featured a succession of tame dismissals and needless run outs.

Memorable day

On a memorable day, England's James Anderson reached 650 Test wickets when New Zealand opener Tom Latham left a straight ball that clattered into his stumps.

The 39-year-old fast bowler is just the third player ever to reach the landmark after spin legends Shane Warne and Muttiah Muralitharan.

Anderson's milestone came just months after he admitted he was "praying" his international career was not over following the decision to drop him for the West Indies tour.

England was dismissed for 539 in Monday's morning session after resuming the day at 473 for five.

Majestic Root

Root scored a majestic 176 and Ben Foakes added a lively 56 to ensure New Zealand held only a 14-run lead following its own mammoth first innings total of 553.

SCOREBOARD

New Zealand – 1st innings: 553.
England – 1st innings: Alex Lees c Mitchell b Henry 67, Zak Crawley c Blundell b Boult 4, Ollie Pope c Henry b Boult 145, Joe Root c Southee b Boult 176, Jonny Bairstow c Blundell b Boult 8, Ben Stokes c Boult b Bracewell 46, Ben Foakes run out 56, Stuart Broad c Mitchell b Bracewell 9, Matthew Potts b Boult 3, Jack Leach (not out) 0, James Anderson st. Blundell b Bracewell 9; Extras (b-12, lb-3, w-1): 16; Total (in 128.2 overs): 539.
Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-147, 3-334, 4-344, 5-405, 6-516, 7-527, 8-527, 9-530.
New Zealand bowling: Southee 32-1-154-0, Boult 33.3-8-106-5, Henry 27-5-128-1, Jamieson 16.3-3-66-0, Bracewell 17.2-2-62-3, Mitchell 2-0-8-0.
New Zealand – 2nd innings: Tom Latham b Anderson 4, Will Young run out 56, Devon Conway c Bairstow b Leach 52, Henry Nicholls c Lees b Potts 3, Daryl Mitchell (batting) 32, Tom Blundell c Stokes b Broad 24, Michael Bracewell c Broad b Potts 25, Tim Southee run out 0, Matt Henry (batting) 8; Extras (b-9, lb-4, nb-5, w-2): 20; Total (for seven wkts. in 69 overs): 224.
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-104, 3-115, 4-131, 5-176, 6-204, 7-213.
England bowling: Anderson 8-1-18-1, Broad 16-3-53-1, Potts 15-6-32-2, Leach 20-4-78-1, Stokes 10-2-30-0.

Scaling another peak

Anderson became the third bowler to take 650 wickets in Test cricket when he castled Latham on the fourth day of the second Test at Trent Bridge on Monday

TOP-5 WICKET-TAKERS IN TESTS

Player	M	Wkts	Avg	Econ	SR
Muralitharan (SL/ICC)	133	800	22.72	2.47	55.0
Warne (AUS)	145	708	25.41	2.65	57.4
Anderson (ENG)	**171***	**650**	**26.48**	**2.80**	**56.6**
Kumble (IND)	132	619	29.65	2.69	65.9
McGrath (AUS)	124	563	21.64	2.49	51.9

BY OPPONENT

	M	Wkts	Avg
Australia	35	112	33.76
Bangladesh	2	9	24.77
India	34	133	25.22
New Zealand	18	73	27.65
Pakistan	18	74	19.31
South Africa	26	93	31.52
Sri Lanka	14	58	22.18
West Indies	22	87	22.60
Zimbabwe	2	11	20.27

THE RESULT SUMMARY

Result	M	Wkts	Avg
Won	74	344	19.84
Lost	60	169	36.34
Drawn	36	133	31.35

THE BREAK-UP

		M	Wkts
Australia	Home	14	44
	Away	21	68
Bangladesh	Home	2	9
	Away	-	-
India	Home	21	99
	Away	13	34
New Zealand	Home	11	47
	Away	7	26
Pakistan	Home	12	52
	Neutral	6	22
South Africa	Home	16	59
	Away	10	34
Sri Lanka	Home	7	40
	Away	7	18
West Indies	Home	12	51
	Away	10	36
Zimbabwe	Home	2	11
	Away	-	-

*Includes ongoing Nottingham Test

• Anderson has taken the most wickets against India (133)

SOURCE: ESPNCRICINFO

COMPILED BY M. RUPA RASAGNA

Aishwarya rewrites National record

Punjab's Kirpal Singh betters his own meet mark in discus

Golden show: Aishwarya won the triple jump, eclipsing a 11-year-old mark. Gracena soared to the high jump title while Kirpal bettered his own meet record in discus. •B. VELANKANNI RAJ

ATHLETICS

K. KEERTHIVASAN
CHENNAI

Karnataka's B. Aishwarya belongs to a rare breed of jumpers in India who have done really well in both long and triple jump.

After her long jump exploits on Sunday, she made the cut for the 2022 Commonwealth Games, the 24-year-old rewrote another record, a National one this time, in the triple jump event of the SNJ-National inter-State athletics meet here on Monday.

Earlier, Kirpal Singh of Punjab bettered his own meet record in the men's discus with a heave of 60.31m, going past the 59.74m set by him in 2016.

Aishwarya was the toast of the day as she clinched gold with a jump of 14.14m on her third attempt, rewriting the 11-year-old record set by Mayookha Johny (14.11m).

Aishwarya had made the triple jump cut to the CWG this year with a leap of 13.94m at the Indian Grand Prix in Thiruvananthapuram.

"I am so happy to have done this. I have to thank my coaches B.P. Aiyappa and Pramila and the JSW Group for supporting me.

"I want to do well in both long and triple jump," Aishwarya said.

In the last race of the day, India A's Amoj Jacob, running the anchor leg in the 4x400m mixed relay, had to be taken off on a stretcher before he could complete the race as he appeared to suffer from a hamstring injury. India-B won the race.

The results:

Men: 800m: 1. Krishan Kumar (Har) 1:48.79s; 2. Ankesh Chaudhary (HP) 1:49.74; 3. Mohammed Afsal (Ker) 1:49.82; **Discus:** 1. Kirpal Singh (Pun) 60.31m (NMR, OMR: Kirpal Singh, 59.74, Hyderabad, 2016); 2. Gagandeep Singh (Pun) 56.29; 3. Vazeer (Har) 55.99.

Women: 800m: 1. Chanda (Del) 2:01.67; 2. Twinkle (Pun) 2:02.98; 3. Shalu Chaudhary (Del) 2:07.49s.

High jump: 1. Gracena G. Merly (TN) 1.82m; 2. Rubina Yadav (Har) 1.78; 3. Angel P. Devasia (Ker) 1.76.

Triple jump: 1. B. Aishwarya (Kar) 14.14 (NR, OR: Mayookha Johny, Ker, 14.11, 2011); 2. Renu (Har) 13.43; 3. Karthika Gothandapani (AP) 13.25.

Discus: 1. Navjeet Kaur Dhillon (Pun) 55.67m, 2. Nidhi Rani (Har) 50.86; 3. Karunya Muthuramalingam (TN) 49.24.

4x400m mixed relay: 1. India-B (Md. Ajmal, Rupal Chaudhary, Rajesh Ramesh, Jyothika Sri) 3:18.84; 2. Karnataka (Chacko Kurien, Lithika, N.S. Inchara, Nihal Joel Williams) 3:22.45; 3. Tamil Nadu (V. Subha, Mohan Kumar, Olimba Steffi, K. Saran) 3:24.51.

BCCI hikes monthly pension

SPORTS REPORTER
CHENNAI

The BCCI, on Monday, announced a hike in the monthly pension for former players (men and women) and umpires.

The changes will go into effect from June 1, 2022.

The change in slabs:

₹15,000 to ₹30,000;
₹22,500 to ₹45,000;
₹30,000 to ₹52,500;
₹37,500 to ₹60,000;
₹50,000 to ₹70,000.

Pakistan sweeps series

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MULTAN

All-rounder Shadab Khan hit a fighting half-century before taking four wickets to anchor Pakistan's 53-run win over the West Indies in the third and final ODI. Pakistan made a 3-0 sweep.

The scores:

Pakistan 269/9 in 48 overs (Fakhar Zaman 35, Imam-ul-Haq 62, Khushdil Shah 34, Shadab Khan 86, Nicholas Pooran 4/84 bt West Indies 216 in 37.2 overs (Keacy Carty 33, Akeal Hosein 60, Shadab 4/62).

Boxers give Haryana KIYG crown

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PANCHKULA

The boxers delivered the golden punch on the final day as Haryana won the Khelo India Youth Games crown on Monday.

They won 10 out of the 20 gold medals on offer on the last day as Haryana (52 gold, 39 silver, 46 bronze) edged out Maharashtra (45G, 40S, 40B). Karnataka, with 22 gold, finished third.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1, Voot Select, MTV, Vh1 & Jio TV, 6.30 a.m.
Ranji Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Sri Lanka vs Australia: 1st ODI, Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 2.30 p.m.
England vs New Zealand: 2nd Test, day 5, Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 3.30 p.m.
Zimbabwe vs Afghanistan: 3rd T20I, FanCode, 4.30 p.m.
India vs South Africa: 3rd T20I, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7 p.m.
UEFA Nations League: Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 9.30 p.m., Sony Ten 2 & Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Wednesday)

IN BRIEF

Mathews, Tuba Hassan win ICC monthly award

DUBAI

Sri Lanka's Angelo Mathews and Pakistan's debutante spin sensation Tuba Hassan were on Monday voted ICC Player-of-the-Month for May. Mathews was selected for his role (344 runs, avg. 172) in Sri Lanka's WTC series victory against Bangladesh. Tuba's five wickets (8.8 avg, 3.66 ER) in three-game T20I series againt Sri Lanka fetched her the award. PTI

FC Goa appoints Azkorra and Dones

MARGAO

FC Goa, on Monday, confirmed the appointment of Gorka Azkorra and Joel Dones as the new assistant coach and strength and conditioning coach respectively for the upcoming season. PTI

Dokic says she's suffering from depression

MELBOURNE

Former professional tennis player Jelena Dokic says she nearly attempted suicide recently and has been dealing with depression and anxiety. Dokic wrote in an Instagram post on Monday: "Constant feelings of sadness and pain are just not going away and my life has been shattered. I blame myself, I don't think I am worthy of loving and I am scared. I almost jumped off my 26th floor balcony and took my own life in April," she said. AP

Rory McIlroy retains Canadian Open crown

TORONTO

Rory McIlroy fired 10 birdies in an eight-under 62 on Sunday to win the USPGA Tour Canadian Open by two strokes, defending the title he won in 2019 (the tournament was cancelled in 2021 and 2022 due to the pandemic). McIlroy closed at 19-under 261. AFP

Clash of equals between Mumbai-UP

Decent grass cover should encourage the pace attack of both sides

RANJI TROPHY

AMOL KARHADKAR
BENGALURU

The last time Uttar Pradesh made it to the Ranji Trophy semifinals, captain Karan Sharma, who is four months shy of turning 24, was not even a teenager and none of its existing squad members were in contention to break into its senior squad.

If that makes you wonder whether its semifinal against Mumbai is going to be lopsided in favour of the 41-time champion, think again.

Despite Mumbai's legacy and an in-form team, the current squad lacks the experience of a high-pressure match.

Battle within a battle: UP's bowlers will aim to get the better of ex-teammate Sarfaraz Khan, who is on a prolific scoring spree with Mumbai. • FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

Only two if its existing members - captain Prithvi Shaw and veteran pacer Dhawal Kulkarni - have featured in a Ranji semifinal.

Current form

Ergo based on current form and similar big-match experience, it will be a clash between equals at the Just Cricket Academy (JCA). And both units heaved a sigh of relief after looking at the 22-yard strip on Monday.

Contrary to the belter that the adjoining strip turned out to be during Bengal's run-feast versus Jharkhand in last week's quarterfinal, the centre-strip at JCA has a decent amount of grass cover, which will elate the pace attack of both sides.

In fact, Uttar Pradesh will be tempted to draft in Mohsin Khan. The left-arm spinner, who was one of the finds of the IPL, has been added to the squad ahead of the semifinal.

It will be interesting to see if he is preferred over Shivam Mavi, who bowled just two overs in Karnataka's second innings in the quarterfinals.

Key duel

Irrespective of its composition, the UP pace attack's duel versus Mumbai's in-form batting unit may seal the fate of the game. Each of Mumbai's top seven batters scored a fifty during its record win against Uttarakhand last week.

Even though Hardik Tamore will replace Aditya Tare as the wicketkeeper-batter for the semifinal, the batting line-up appears to be intimidating.

Sarfaraz Khan, who hit an unbeaten 301 the last time these two teams faced each other, has plundered more than 700 runs in just five innings this season and will be eager to make it big against his former team.

Shaw is due for a big knock, with just two fifties in the season so far.

Semifinal line-up: Bengal vs Madhya Pradesh, Mumbai vs Uttar Pradesh.

Gurunaidu is Youth World champion

WEIGHTLIFTING

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Gurunaidu Sanapathi has become India's first weightlifter to win a gold at the IWF Youth World Championships in Leon, Mexico.

The 16-year-old claimed gold with a total effort of 230kg (104, 126) in the boys' 55kg event late on Sunday night.

Saudi Arabia's Ali Majeed 229kg (105, 124) was second and Yerassyl Umrov of Kazakhstan 224kg (100, 124) third.

Meanwhile, Soumya S. Dalvi, a two-time Khelo India Youth gold medallist, heaved 148kg (65, 83) to claim bronze in the 45kg girls event behind Rose J. Ramos of the Philippines 155kg (70, 85) and Venezuela's Kerlys M. Montilla 153kg (71, 82).

R. Bhavani finished eighth with a best effort of 132kg (57, 75). India's tally at the word event now stands at four medals.

Bopanna, Shapovalov pair advances

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU

Rohan Bopanna and Denis Shapovalov defeated Pedro Martinez and Diego Schwartzman 7-6(6), 6-4 in the doubles pre-quarterfinals of the €2,275,275 ATP tennis tournament in London on Monday.

Other results: $251,750 WTA, Birmingham: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Lucie Hradecka (Cze) & Sania Mirza bt Alicia Barnett & Olivia Nicholls (GBR) 7-5, 6-2.

Olympian Hari Chand passes away

He bagged two golds at the Bangkok Asian Games

ATHLETICS

STAN RAYAN
KOCHI

Long distance great Hari Chand, a two-time Olympian and a double Asian Games gold medallist, passed away in Jalandhar on Sunday. He was 69. Chand won the 5000 and 10,000m gold at the 1978 Bangkok Asiad and also the 10,000m title at the 1975 Asian Championships in Seoul.

Chand, who hailed from Ghorewaha village in Punjab's Hoshiarpur District, made waves with his barefoot running and broke the 10,000m National record at the 1976 Montreal Olympics which stood for 32 years before falling to Surendra Singh. He was eighth in his heats in Montreal, clocking 28:48.72s.

Hari Chand. • THE HINDU ARCHIVES

And in the next Olympics, in Moscow 1980, he was 10th in the 10,000m heats and finished 31st in the marathon which had 74 runners.

"Hari Chand, my teammate in the 1980 Olympic Games, is a legend of Indian sport. It is a tribute to his determination that he was able to set a National record in the Olympic Games," said Adille Sumariwalla, president of the Athletics Federation of India.

"He knew that getting a place in the 15-man final was going to be tough and pushed himself, despite running barefoot, to get the time he did.

"Along with Shivnath Singh, he played a big role in sustaining the popularity of distance running," he added.

Upbeat India takes on Hong Kong

Hosts will draw strength from dramatic win over Afghanistan

AFC ASIAN CUP

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA
KOLKATA

India will look to draw motivation from its "dramatic" win over Afghanistan as it prepares to face a technically strong Hong Kong in the concluding Group D fixture of the AFC Asian Cup qualifying final round, at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Sunday.

This match pits the two top two sides in the current standings to decide the group topper. India and Hong Kong are tied on six points from two wins each but the latter currently holds top spot because of a better goal difference.

Given the situation, India needs a win to secure top spot and ensure its passage to Asian Cup 2023 final stage. There are some spots reserved for the best second place finishers but head coach Igor Stimac prefers India taking the straight-forward route.

Qualify on merit

"We play to win tomorrow and qualify on merit. I don't want to get into the complexities of mathematical calculations as it does not help in the end," Stimac said on the eve of the match. "We are up against a technically strong team but we have to go out and start from the very first minute like we did against Afghanistan," he added.

Indian captain Sunil Chhetri, who scored three out India's four goals in the tournament so far and took his personal tally to 83 international goals, said the team needs to start from where it left off against Afghanistan.

"It is a very important game and we have to start from where we left off in our previous win," Chhetri said.

India's recent record against Hong Kong is not very favourable having last beat the visitors way back in 1993 in a World Cup qualifying match. Since then the two have met thrice (in 2006, 2009 and 2010) in international friendlies where Hong Kong won the recent two while the other ended in a draw.

India blanks Bhutan

TENNIS

SPORTS BUREAU

The Indian boys' and girls' teams outplayed Bhutan without dropping a single game in the opening league matches of the ITF South Asian under-12 tennis tournament in Kathmandu on Monday.

The results (league):

Boys: India bt Bhutan 3-0 (Kushagra Arora bt Ema Gyelzin 6-0, 6-0; Fazal Ali Meer bt Kuendhen Rigsel Dorji 6-0, 6-0; Kushagra & Tavish Pahwa bt Kuendhen & Pema 6-0, 6-0).

Girls: India bt Bhutan 3-0 (Anandita Upadhyay bt Kezang Lhatsho Tshering 6-0, 6-0; Aahan bt Tandin Tsheyang Wangmo 6-0, 6-0; Prachi Malik & Anandita bt Kezang & Tandin 6-0, 6-0).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Amod gives Jawahar SC (1) first innings points

Amod S. Kaluve top-scored with 128 as Jawahar Sports Club (1) secured the first innings lead, overtaking the 270-run total put up by Friends Union Cricket Club (2), in a drawn KSCA (Group I) second division league encounter.

The scores:

Bangalore Occasionals 334 in 82.4 overs (Niranjan 51, Hemanth S. Shinde 26, Ashwin Santosh 60, Rahu Singh Rawat 77, Kush Marathe 66, Milind Mali 4/103) drew with Jawans CC 180 in 52.1 overs (S.H. Swaroop 59, M.B. Shivam 38, V. Uttam Gowda 5/40) & 167/1 in 27 overs (M.B. Shivam 100 n.o., S.H. Swaroop 29, Harshil 37 n.o.); **Occasionals 3, Jawans 1.**

FUCC (2) 270 in 87 overs (Sidharrth N.Rao 40, Aarush Mehrotra 79, S.P. Shreyas 81, K.C. Cariappa 3/73) drew with Jawahar SC (1) 276/8 in 76.5 overs (Amod S. Kaluve 128, S. Chaitanya 34, K.C. Cariappa 41, Pradyumna Srivatsa 3/87); **Jawahar SC (1) 3, FUCC (2) 1.**

The Bangalore Cricketers 195 in 67.1 overs (K.B. Shreyas 29, S. Chethan 105, Aditya Mani 6/72) drew with Herons CC 303/9 in 90 overs (Suhasa Adiga 30, S.P. Arjun 42, Vineeth Manjunath 60, Rohith Gowda 25, H.N. Puneeth 26 n.o., Kushal Pramesh 5/100); **Herons 3, Bangalore Cricketers 1.**

Vijaya CC 416/8 in 90 overs (B. Vijaya Raj 151, P. Dhruv 50, N. Yash 107 n.o., Zeeshan Ali 31, Arjun Nair 25) & 59/3 in 13 overs (Prakar Chaturvedi 36) drew with Wilson Garden CC 163 in 61.4 overs (Shashank Krishnamurthy 38 n.o., Sachin Shinde 6/34); **Vijaya CC 3, Wilson Garden 1.**

Jawahar SC (2) 400 in 89.1 overs (K. Rakshith 118, Faizan Khan 113, N.S. Sachin 30, Vishal Kothari 3/83) drew with Bangalore SC 175 in 44.5 overs (P. Santosh Krishna 57, K.V. Chethan 48, Docca Amogh 3/32, S.B. Sanket 4/61) & 180/4 in 42 overs (Ram N.Chauhan 33, P. Santosh Krishna 30, Ayudh Sharma 41, Anupam 29 n.o.); **Jawahar SC 3, Bangalore SC 1.**

Jupiter CA 365/9 decl. in 86 overs (R. Suhas 38, Chirag R. Nayak 130, S. Sumukha Prasad 30, Desmond Antony 136, Hriddhiman Basu 3/85, Smayansrivastav 3/39) drew with Coles CC 151 in 37.1 overs (N.V. Manjesh Reddy 29, K. Arun 49 n.o., Santosh Kumar Bharadwaj 3/40, Arjun Patil 3/22) & 133/3 in 31 overs (P. Nachiketh 62 n.o., Dheeraj J. Mohan 39); **Jupiter 3, Coles 1.**

Vijay helps Advocate Assn. fly past Air India

Vijay Kumar's unbeaten 116 powered Advocate Association past Air India SC in the KSCA Group II, Division III tournament.

The scores (semifinal): Advocate Association 353/8 in 50 overs (R. Jagadish 45, K.P. Jefin 27, Tejas Muralidhara 86, Vijay Kumar 113 n.o., Rahamatulla Khan 3/67, Raharnan Khan 3/47) bt Air India SC 145 in 36.5 overs (Yashas Murthy 46, Rahaman Khan 32, Yeshwanth 3/7, Ponnanna 3/27).

Yuvraj lays foundation for Engrades' win

R. Yuvraj (109 n.o.) set up Engrades' thumping win over Cavaliers in the KSCA Group I, Division III league.

The scores: Engrades 321/8 in 50 overs (Surya Vamshi 34, Manoj Maruthi 27, R. Yuvraj 109 n.o., S. Ramanji 52, Sanjay Kumar 43) bt Cavaliers 144 in 33 overs (M.H. Uday 29, Sanjay Kumar 3/36).

RVCE 201 in 47.1 overs (Sumanth Bharadwaj 36, H.M. Pooran 25, Pratik Singh 34, B. Harsha 3/41) lost to Dooravani Cricketers (1) 202/6 in 40 overs (M. Keerthi 85, S. Darshan 43). Century Cricketers 147 in 34.3 overs (Ashish Dhar 58, N. Bharath 42, Khaja Moinuddin 3/19, S. Mithun 5/31) lost to Hanumanthanagar CC 151/5 in 26.2 overs (P.S. Vikram 65 n.o., Puneeth Pai 25).

Malleswaram Gymkhana 148 in 44.3 overs (Nischal Das 27, Shashank Acharya 38, Prajwal Krishna 5/35) bt Neptune 105 in 28.3 overs (Prajwal Krishna 35 n.o., Shivam Shukla 5/10). Jolly Cricketers 232/8 in 50 overs (A.S. Nikhil 27, M. Azharuddin 64 n.o., Shikhar Shetty 41, Pranesh Desai 3/47) lost to Visweswarapuram CC (1) 236/6 in 47 overs (Diwakar Shankar 32, B. Tanu 84, Nithin Gopalakrishna 34, K.P. Karthikeya 3/34).

Visweswarapuram CC (2) 209 in 48.4 overs (Singh Aujla 57, Prajwal Ashok 34, Apurva Kale 70, Sharana Basava 5/44) lost to Hammonds 210/9 in 49.5 overs (Dhanush Subramanya 98, Dhruv Nayak 3/44).

Saneeth, Janani prove a smashing success

Saneeth Dayanand and Janani Ananthakumar won the men's and women's titles in the Yonex Sunrise ASSOCHAM Karnataka State-ranking badminton tournament here.

The results (finals):

Under-19: Boys: Tushar Suveer bt Nicholas Nathan Raj 21-12, 24-22; **Doubles:** Nicholas Nathan & Tushar Suveer bt K.K. Abhishek & C. Laksh 18-21, 21-14, 21-16

Girls: Karnika Sree bt Rujula Ramu 21-18, 21-14; **Doubles:** Aradhana Balachandra & Muskaan Khan bt Prathiksha Raj & Trivia Creda 21-16, 21-19.

Mixed doubles: K.K. Abhishek & Muskaan Khan bt Siddharth Gunturi & A.S. Mounitha 21-14, 21-13.

Seniors: Men: Saneeth Dayanand bt Pruthvi Roy 21-8, 21-15; **Doubles:** Shashank & Pruthvi Roy bt H.V. Nithin & Vaibhaav 15-21, 21-13, 21-19.

Women: Janani Ananthakumar bt Drithi Yatheesh 21-17, 21-15; **Doubles:** Gloria Athavale & Rashmi Ganesh bt Arundhati Muddu & P. Amrutha 21-13, 20-22, 21-15.

Mixed doubles: H.V. Nithin & Janani Ananthakumar bt Ashith Surya & Drithi Yatheesh 23-21, 16-21, 21-19.

Manasi and Manisha strike it rich

PARA BADMINTON

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
OTTAWA (CANADA)

Indian para shuttlers continued their great run of form as they clinched nine medals including two gold by Manasi Joshi and Manisha Ramadass at the Canada International Para Badminton here.

Manasi won all her round-robin matches over fellow Indian Parul Parmar, France's Coraline Bergeron, Noriko Ito of Japan and finally Ukrainian Oksana Kozyna.

Manasi also claimed the mixed doubles SL3-SU5 bronze with Ruthick Ragupathi.

Ramadass won the women's singles SU5 gold medal with a 27-25, 21-9 victory over Japan's Akiko Sugino in the final.

However, Paralympic gold medallist Pramod Bhagat had to settle for the silver going down fighting against his arch rival Daniel Bethell 14-21, 21-9, 15-21.

Odds stacked against New Zealand

WC QUALIFYING

AASHIN PRASAD
AL RAYYAN

The odds are stacked against New Zealand as it prepares to take on Costa Rica in the final inter-confederation FIFA World Cup playoff final at the Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium here on Tuesday.

New Zealand coach Danny Hay was content with the underdog tag ahead of the game. "Undoubtedly, Costa Rica [will feel the most pressure]. The world's media has written us off, that we have no chance. They are ranked 31, while we are 101. I will be sleeping well, not sure their coach will be though (laughs) because there is a huge amount of pressure on them," said Hay.

Hay, who expects a physical and cagey affair, will be banking on Newcastle United striker Chris Wood to step up and deliver in another big game to take the All Whites into the finals for the first time since 2010.

Costa Rica has plenty of experience in the ranks with goalkeeper Keylor Navas, forward Joel Campbell and midfielder Celso Borges. Coach Luis Fernando Suarez warned of excessive optimism from people back home and identified NZ's 'simple, direct football' strength as a threat to his side.

(The writer is in Qatar at the invitation of the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy)

Switzerland stuns Portugal

Spain wins again; Haaland masterminds Norway's victory

NATIONS LEAGUE

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
PARIS

Spain won a second successive UEFA Nations League match on Sunday with a 2-0 win over the Czech Republic while rival Portugal conceded a goal after just 57 seconds to lose to Switzerland.

In Geneva, Switzerland took the lead when Haris Seferovic scored from Silvan Widmer's pass.

Erling Haaland scored twice and set up the third as Norway beat Sweden 3-2 in Oslo in League B.

The results: League A: Group 2: Spain 2 (Soler 24, Sarabia 75) bt Czech Republic 0; Switzerland 1 (Seferovic 1) bt Portugal 0.

League B: Group 4: Norway 3 (Haaland 10, 54-pen, Sorloth 77) bt Sweden 2 (Forsberg 62, Gyokeres 90+5); Slovenia 2 (Cerin 48, Sesko 53) drew with Serbia 2 (Zivkovic 8, Mitrovic 35).

Gone in 57 seconds! Seferovic, third left, scores the match-winner. • AP

League C: Group 2: Northern Ireland 2 (McNair 71, J. Evans 90+4) drew with Cyprus 2 (Kaloulli 32, 51); Greece 2 (Giakoumakis 71, Mantalos 90+9) bt Kosovo 0.

Group 4: Georgia 0 drew with Bulgaria 0; North Macedonia 4 (Bardi 4, Torrilla 14-og, Miovski 16, Churlinov 31) bt Gibraltar 0.

League D: Group 2: Malta 1 (Muscat 50) bt San Marino 0.

Cummins makes a return to the ODI squad

AUS IN SL

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
COLOMBO

Australia suffered another injury setback on Monday as fast bowler Kane Richardson returned home with a hamstring problem ahead of the first One-Day International against Sri Lanka.

Test skipper Pat Cummins will, however, return to the side for the five-match ODI series beginning on Tuesday after recovering from a long-running injury.

Richardson picked up his injury during the warm-up for the final Twenty20 International, but played Saturday's game before the severity was detected in a scan the next day.

"I wasn't aware of the injury during the game so that was pretty big of him to get through a T20 game of that intensity," skipper Aaron Finch said as he named his side for the first ODI.

Richardson had been included in the ODI squad following injuries to paceman Mitchell Starc and all-rounders Sean Abbott and Mitchell Marsh. The ODIs follow a Twenty20 series that Australia won 2-1 after the hosts triumphed in the final game thanks to a sparkling 54 off 25 balls by skipper Dasun Shanaka.

Australia XI: Aaron Finch (Capt.), David Warner, Steve Smith, Marnus Labuschagne, Alex Carey (wk), Marcus Stoinis, Glenn Maxwell, Ashton Agar, Pat Cummins, Jhye Richardson and Josh Hazlewood.

Sindhu and Lakshya eye Indonesia Open

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
JAKARTA

Two-time Olympic medallist P.V. Sindhu and rising star Lakshya Sen will seek consistency as they lead the Indian charge at the Indonesia Open Super 1000 badminton tournament beginning here on Tuesday.

Sindhu has secured two Super 300 titles – the Syed Modi International and the Swiss Open – this year, but has looked vulnerable against top players, losing to Thailand's Ratchanok Inthanon, China's Chen Yufei and Korea's An Se-young.

In men's singles, eighth seed Lakshya and H.S. Prannoy – the architects of India's epic Thomas Cup win – will cross swords in an all-Indian contest.

K. Srikanth will meet Chinese Taipei's Wang Tzu Wei in his opener.